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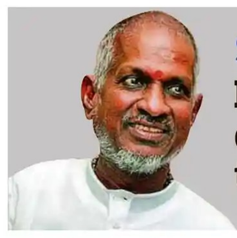

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Cherry to cup:

The tale of Kodagu coffee

From hand-picking cherries to experimenting with processing methods, Kodagu's coffee growers are embracing change, writes Dhanyata M Poovaiah

Once a paddy-growing area, Kodagu took to large-scale coffee cultivation during the British era. Today, it is India's largest coffee-producing district.

Every district in the state has a speciality and when it comes to Kodagu, it is coffee. While Karnataka accounts for around 71% of India's total coffee production, Kodagu alone contributes around half of the state's total output, or roughly 37% of the country's total coffee yield.

Originally, paddy was the region's main crop. During the 19th century, the British started large-scale coffee plantations, considering the region's suitable climatic and soil conditions for the crop. Today, Kodagu is India's largest coffee-producing district.

Robusta and Arabica are the two main varieties of coffee grown in Kodagu. Initially, Arabica was the most widely grown variant of coffee. "Situated within a multi-storeyed coffee agroforestry system, Kodagu nurtures the GI-tagged Coorg Arabica Coffee, celebrated for its pleasant aroma, balanced flavour, mild acidity, strong body, and subtle floral notes," says Pradeepa Babu, Deputy Director (Research), at the Coffee Board of India.

However, over time, planters gradually switched over to the heat- and pest-resistant Robusta. "Indian Robusta gets the highest premium in the international market, preferred for its good blending quality," Pradeepa adds. This variety has a longer lifespan and is easier to maintain. Today, 80% of the coffee produced here is Robusta.

The Robusta plants are taller and have bigger leaves and rounder beans, and provide better yield. The beans also offer a stronger and bitter taste profile. Arabica, on the other hand, has elongated beans and is suitable in higher altitudes and colder climates.

Commercially available coffees are often a blend of Robusta and Arabica. The South Indian filter coffee contains a touch of chicory as well.

"Kodagu's coffee has good markets in Europe, West Asia, USA and Australia, with Italy being the top importer," says Vishwanath Keshavamurthy, CEO of Biota Coorg Farmer Producer Company Limited.

While Robusta and Arabica dominate the coffee scene here, two more varieties are gaining ground in the district. Liberica, a larger plant, is grown in smaller quantities, and Excelsa (locally known as *Mara Kaapi*) is also being introduced.

A coffee plant blossomed with flowers; (below) coffee cherry

Shade-grown plantation

A unique feature of Kodagu coffee is the shade-grown method. "In Kodagu, coffee is grown in shade, wherein coffee plants are surrounded by taller trees and lush vegetation. The slow maturation process of coffee cherries here results in more mucilage, enhancing their flavour and the aroma," says Naren Kuttaiah, director of Biota Coorg Farmer Producer Company Limited and the proprietor of Kallucoppa estate. Mucilage is a sticky, sugary, and pectin-rich layer found in the coffee cherry between the outer skin and the parchment layer.

"In other major coffee-growing countries such as Brazil and Vietnam, the crop is mainly grown in open plantations," he adds.

Additionally, the coffee cycle in Kodagu begins with blossom showers in February and mid-March. The right amount of rainfall and sunshine is crucial for the healthy blossoming of coffee flowers and the subsequent development of the beans. If rainfall is insufficient, irrigation is carried out after 20 to 22 days. This is followed by fertiliser application (pre, mid, post monsoon application), pruning, shade lopping, weeding, desuckering and disease control.

Post-harvest cycle

Most commonly, the coffee cherries are hand-picked and dried directly in the sun for nine to ten days. However, in the honey method of drying, ripened red cherries are picked, depulped and then dried to accentuate the flavour. In the washed process, the beans are fermented, washed and then dried. Nutty, fruity, floral, citrusy flavours can be achieved depending on the process of fermentation.

"To pick only the ripened cherries, we go through six cycles of picking. This ensures a uniform taste compared to when a mix of green and red cherries is processed. Right processing can even control the acidity, bitterness and flavour of the coffee," says Rishwin Devaya, of the Riverside Estate in Kodagu. He grows a mix of Robusta and Arabica varieties and has also recently been experimenting with intercropping Robusta and Arabica.

Single-origin coffee

Today, there is a growing demand for single-origin coffee, where the beans come from one specific source, such as a single farm or region.

"This is because the local climate, soil, surrounding vegetation, foliage, and even the fertiliser or manure used, all bear an impact on the flavour profile of the coffee bean. The post-harvest process is carried out in a controlled manner to achieve desired characteristics," says Sandalkad Estate's Shamveel Nizam, who runs a specialty café in Kodagu.

Specialty coffee should score over 80 out of 100 on 10 parameters, such as aroma, flavour, acidity, aftertaste, body, balance and uniformity. This is tested by the Coffee Board of India and is increasingly sought after.

"The higher the score, the higher the price. Our specialty coffee is sold at Rs 25,000 per kg in West Asia. We also offer customisation, as per the client's preference," says Shamveel.

Cupping is another standardised method to evaluate coffee. Under this, professional cuppers smell and taste coffee to assess its body (mouthfeel), sweetness, acidity and flavour notes. The practice is used by roasters and importers to assess new coffee beans.

New trends

In recent years, young planters have been driving innovation. "Traditionally, coffee planters only sold dried cherries. To maximise returns, we should handle the post-harvest processes as much as possible," says Rishwin, who does end-to-end processing. Coffee workshops, seminars and courses are crucial to take the game to the next level, he adds.

The Coffee Board is also supporting coffee production through involvement in replantation, water management, quality improvements in drying yards and warehouses. Organic/eco-certification is encouraged for estates producing organic coffee, helping them achieve higher returns. In addition, an Integrated Coffee Development Project is being implemented to support the overall growth of the coffee industry.

"Specialty coffees with local narratives, wellness-oriented blends, consumer engagement, convenience coffee formats such as drip coffee pouches, home-brewing tools and marketing through e-commerce platforms are the new trends in coffee marketing," says Pradeepa.

From misty plantations to global cafés, Kodagu's coffee legacy continues to brew magic.

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Students of Papanashi village engage in their regular yoga session.

A village united through yoga

A yoga initiative in Gadag district has brought daily ritual, physical vitality and mental peace to many residents, writes Divyashri Mudakavi

Nestled near the lush green Kappatagudda hills near Gadag, a serene village called Papanashi, with a population of around 1,300, has emerged as a hub of yoga practice in recent years.

Every morning and evening, the streets of Papanashi come alive with villagers, including seniors, women and children, practising *Pranayama* and *asanas* on platforms and in some open fields. Yoga classes are held in the school and after school hours, and many have participated in state and national-level competitions, too.

"Poornima Katiggar, a student from our village, participated in the National Yoga Olympiad this year. Not only her, but several other students have excelled in state and national competitions over the last five years," says Sudha Patil, a yoga instructor and national referee.

Papanashi was introduced to yoga in 2020 when the Union Ministry of Ayush started promoting yoga actively. Recognising the potential health benefits, Dr Ashok Mattigatti, an Ayurvedic doctor and yoga practitioner, along with Sudha Patil, who was appointed as a yoga instructor at the local health centre, encouraged people to opt for the programme.

They started by visiting homes and encouraging villagers to learn yoga for fitness and health improvement. Many initially hesitated, citing household chores and farm work as reasons to avoid joining. It took persistence, but eventually, many agreed to give it a try.

Just as the yoga movement was gaining traction, the Covid-19 pandemic struck, halting in-person sessions. However, the villagers did not give up. They began practising the yoga *asanas* they had learned at home and in the fields.

The practice has made a tangible difference for many. Take Shivamma Dadwad, an Anganwadi worker from the village, for instance. "Over time, I have seen significant improvements in my health," she says. Now, she encourages other women in the village to continue their yoga practice.

Yoga for the next gen

Kavana, a Class 12 student from the village, has been practising yoga since she was in Class 7. Her interest sparked when the villagers began learning yoga, and the local instructor saw her potential. "The yoga instructor encouraged her to participate in yoga competitions across the country. She has won several of them, and it has been an amazing journey," says Kavana's father, Virupakshagouda, a farmer.

"Yoga not only helps keep our kids fit but also instills discipline, self-control, and enhances their concentration," says Manjunath Gauri, a constable with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and a native of Papanashi.

Today, Dr Mattigatti continues to support the community by sharing yoga videos through a WhatsApp group. He also conducts special monthly sessions at the local health centre, where villagers are checked for lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, and are taught yoga techniques to manage these conditions.

What began as a small, community-driven effort has now transformed Papanashi into a model yoga village.

Senior citizens practise yoga under the guidance of Sudha Patil.

Nestled in the Western Ghats, the Kavaledurga fort

Driving through a forest trail, Anita N S lands on a hill exploring the sights and sounds of yore

The road winds through patches of forest as we leave the quaint town of Thirthahalli, nestled amidst the Western Ghats.

It is early monsoon and the forest air carries the scent of the wet trees while the sun plays hide and seek with the clouds.

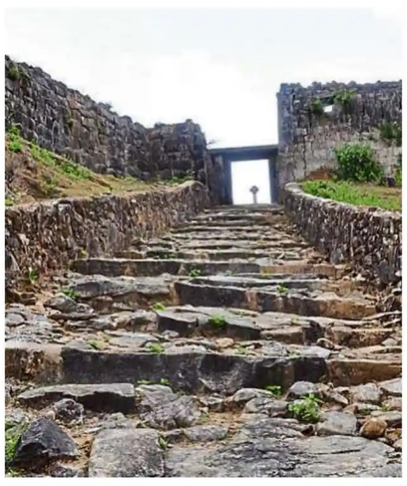
Driving from Thirthahalli, we go past lakes carpeted with blooming lotuses and green fields to land at the base of a foothill, to view the once formidable fort of Kavaledurga.

Built in the 9th century, this fort was the stronghold of the Keladi kings, including Venkatappa Nayaka. The Keladi Nayakas ruled from Karwar to present-day Kerala along the West coast and Chikkanayakanahalli in the east.

The way to the top of the hill was slippery but held promises of sights and sounds of yore. The fort walls peeped through undulating hills but were hidden from land contours. The hill would have been a vantage point that many rulers used to their advantage.

Five gateways

As the path rises, one could find the first of the five gateways that have two round bastions as guards and huge walls of enormous stone blocks. The path leads to a second gate that has a few carved structures and crumbling quarters that appear to have housed guards.



The Lakshminarayana temple atop Kavaledurga fort in Shivamogga district; the fort premises; and a gateway to the monuments. PHOTOS BY AUTHOR

As one climbs higher, a water tank, called the Nagi Kund, is visible. At the fourth gate, there was Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the ruins of a palace. Here, foundations of rooms, ante-rooms, courtyards, and a vast central hall hint at the grandeur of a once-bustling royal dwelling.

On careful observation, we could visualise the palace kitchen, which still has a few remains of the stones used to crush and grind, and a stove.

A couple of lofty pillars stare at the excavated region that has brought plinths and columns and broken artefacts out into the open. The temple displays carvings of the sun, moon, armed warriors and elephants, even the three-headed birds as seen in several structures of Keladi architecture.

Temple perched on rock

As we leave the palace and move on through the thick jungle, the Lakshminarayana temple emerges perched on a massive rock and stepped wells.

Heavy overgrowth covers much of the ruins and as one passes beyond the palace area, the path narrows further, leading to the summit. This path seems to have lost to the travails of time and the ever-thickening vegetation. It seems just like a picture out of an adventure movie with overgrown creepers, moss-dangling ancient walls, gates and bastions.

At the summit awaited a breathtaking, almost unreal view. As we reached the top with the sun settling down in the west, nature played the role of the painter and spilled colours of mauve, pink and crimson in varying shades set to glimmering waters of the Varahi Dam. On the opposite side to the east was a trail of hills till the eye could see.

Climbing Kavaledurga was more than a trek; it was a walk through power, faith and forgotten grandeur.

Entwined with vines and kissed by the clouds, this fort stands as a living reminder of history's dialogue with time; one that beckons you to return again and again.

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Nationwide SIR likely to be held by this year end

State CEOs make detailed presentation to CEC

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Election Commission is gearing up for a nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by the year-end and is expected to announce the schedule soon, officials said on Wednesday after a day-long meeting of state Chief Electoral Officers.

The review meeting, which was inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, saw Bihar Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjiyal making a presentation on the "strategies, constraints and best practices" adopted in northern state during the ongoing exercise.

Sources indicated that the EC is likely to conduct the exercise this year itself as four states and a Union Territory — Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal — will witness Assembly elections in April-May next year.

At the meeting, an official statement said, CEOs gave detailed presentations on the number of voters, qualifying date of last SIR and electoral rolls in their respective states and Union Territories as per the last completed SIR.

Poll presentation

- CEOs make presentations on number of voters, qualifying date of last SIR, electoral rolls
- Status of digitisation, uploading of rolls after previous SIR discussed
- State officials provide "suggested documents" after row over Aadhaar
- Meeting reviews status of rationalisation of polling stations

The CEOs also presented the status of uploading the electoral rolls after the previous SIR on the state/UT CEO website as well as the status of mapping of current electors with the electors as per the last SIR in the state/UT.

Amid criticism of the EC over the documents prescribed for the Bihar SIR, the statement said the CEOs also provided "suggested documents" for the purpose of ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible person is included. "It was reiterated that these documents should promote ease of submission for the eligible citizens," it said.

The meeting also reviewed the status of rationalisation of polling stations to ensure that such facilities do not have more than 1,200 voters.

The EC had on June 24 said that it has decided to begin SIR in the entire country.

UPS AND DOWNS

- Exchanges likely part of efforts by New Delhi and Washington to reset their ties
- Latest Modi-Trump exchanges their second in the last 4 days
- Western media reports that Trump has asked EU to impose 100% tariffs on China, India
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Trade negotiations on course, say Trump and Modi

Positive exchange amid reports of Trump asking EU to slap tariffs on India

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS

I am pleased to announce that India and the United States of America are continuing negotiations to address the Trade Barriers between our two Nations. I look forward to speaking with my very good friend, Prime Minister Modi, in the upcoming weeks.
Donald Trump, US President
India and the US are close friends and natural partners. I am confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership. Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest.
Narendra Modi, PM

The negotiation for a trade deal between India and the US is on course, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday, continuing their recently renewed bonhomie on social media, even as some of Trump's aides continued to criticise New Delhi for buying Russian oil.

Modi and Trump wrote on social media platforms that they were looking forward to speaking with each other. They also stated that officials from the two governments were working to conclude negotiations for a trade deal soon.

Trump's aides, like his senior counsellor for trade and manufacturing, Peter Navarro, and the US envoy to NATO, Matthew Whitaker, however, continued to slam India for continuing to buy oil from Russia and thus helping Moscow go on with its military operations in Ukraine.

The US president, himself, also purportedly asked the European Union to slap tariffs up to 100% on India and China to step up pressure on Russia to end the war in Ukraine.

Earlier in the day, Trump initiated the latest friendly exchange between the two countries.

"I am pleased to announce that India and the United States of America are continuing negotiations to address the Trade Barriers between our two Nations. I look forward to speaking with my very good friend, Prime Minister Modi, in the upcoming weeks," he posted on Truth Social. "I feel certain that there will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion for both of our Great Countries!"

Modi replied within a few hours. "India and the US are close friends and natural partners. I am confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership. Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest," the PM posted on X.

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Nepal crisis: Protesters mull 3 names to head interim govt

KATHMANDU, PTI

A Nepal Army personnel escorts the escaped prisoners in Kathmandu on Wednesday. More than 7,000 inmates are suspected to have escaped from jails across the country. PTI

Nepal's former chief justice Sushila Karki, Kathmandu mayor Balendra Shah and former CEO of electricity board Kulman Ghising are among the names under consideration by the protesting Gen Z youths to lead an interim government in Nepal even as the Himalayan nation slowly returned to normalcy on Wednesday.

The development comes a day after Nepal plunged into a serious political crisis as Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli resigned on Tuesday in the face of massive students-led protests for a second day, prompting the Nepal Army to take over the law and order situation.

"The Gen Z group is currently holding discussion on Zoom to finalise the name of the person to lead the interim government. Three names are under consideration for the post of interim prime minister," said sources close to the protesters.

Meanwhile, the national capital wore a deserted look as soldiers guarded the streets and ordered people to stay at home. There were no reports of violence on Wednesday.

The death toll from the violent protests has touched 30, according to official data.

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SC commends Indian Constitution

The Supreme Court has commended the Indian Constitution while referring to ongoing protests in Nepal, during the hearing on the Presidential Reference on fixing timelines to clear Bills.

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Protesters clash with cops in France, 250 held

PARIS, AP: Protesters blocked roads, lit blazes and were met with volleys of tear gas on Wednesday in Paris and elsewhere in France, heaping pressure on President Emmanuel Macron by attempting to give his new prime minister a baptism of fire.

The French government's interior ministry announced 250 arrests in the first hours of what was a planned day of nationwide demonstrations against Macron, budget cuts and other complaints.

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'Fortify Cyber Command Centre'

BENGALURU, DHNS: The High Court of Karnataka has directed the state government to further fortify the Cyber Command Centre set up on September 2.

The centre was established following the court's orders in April 2025 on a petition by Newspace Research and Technologies Ltd, Bengaluru, while appointing an SIT headed by IPS officer Pranab Mohanty to investigate alleged data theft and espionage.

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GBA plans squad to check illegal bldgs

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is working on a proposal to establish a new enforcement squad to exclusively crack down on illegal buildings.

The move follows rampant unregulated constructions in Bengaluru amid weak enforcement mechanisms and rising property prices.

An exclusive body, officials believe, may come in handy, as its engineering section is busy with other responsibilities.

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KEEPING AN ACCOUNT

State govt's fresh caste census to cost Rs 425 cr

BHARATH JOSHI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Cost of 2015 survey: Rs 165.5 cr
2025 exercise is more than 150% costlier
Each surveyor will get Rs 5,000 lump sum
Remuneration of Rs 100 per household
Each surveyor will visit around 150 houses

The upcoming Social & Educational Survey in the state, also known as caste census, is estimated to cost Rs 425 crore, including a package of around Rs 20,000 for every enumerator, mostly teachers.

The current estimate is a 156% increase from Rs 165.51 crore the government spent on the 2015 Social & Education Survey, which was junked following opposition from various communities, especially the 'dominant' Lingayats and Vokkaligas. Now, the finance department is said to have flagged the cost estimate provided by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes.

An estimated 1.65 lakh enumerators will be required to cover about two crore households during the survey, the pet project of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The survey will start from September 22.

"The finance department is being persuaded. We're saying that we can't do a satisfactory job without the required funds," Commission chairperson Madhusudhan R Naik told *DH*. "We're trying to convince them that there won't be wasteful expenditure. We're even cutting down on advertisements," he said.

Each enumerator will get a lump sum of Rs 5,000 besides the remuneration for surveying each household. "We've estimated that every enumerator will cover about 150 households. For each household, we'll pay Rs 100. So, we're looking at a remuneration of Rs 20,000 per enumerator," Naik explained.

In Bengaluru Urban district, government clerical staff, village administrative officers (VAO) and panchayat development officers (PDO) will be roped in alongside teachers.

▸ Caste census, Page 6

Online survey

Citizens who are not home when enumerators come knocking can provide their details online. "We're providing an online option keeping places like Bengaluru in mind. If a house is found with no respondent, the enumerator will leave behind a sticker containing information on the online survey," BC panel chief Madhusudhan R Naik said.

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar at the meeting on Wednesday. DYCM OFFICE

Weeks after forming GBA, CM meets Cong lawmakers

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday reviewed the functioning of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the newly carved corporations formed last week.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, cabinet colleagues and Congress legislators from Bengaluru attended the meeting.

As GBA head, Siddaramaiah sought to understand the next course of action.

The meeting reportedly discussed preparations for the long-pending municipal elections. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's term had expired in September 2020, completing five years.

The government has set up a four-member delimitation commission to draw ward boundaries. While the commission may finish in a month, the final notification is likely only by mid-November.

Elections to the five corporations may be held by December-end if boundaries and ward reservations are finalised on time, a process largely tied to political decisions rather than bureaucratic effort or ground work.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Bangalore Development Authority Chairman NA Haris, and former ministers ST Somashekar and Krishnappa were present.

'GBA squad' to crack down on illegal buildings on the cards

Move to curb unregulated constructions in Bengaluru

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is working on a proposal to establish a new enforcement squad to exclusively crack down on illegal buildings.

The move follows rampant unregulated constructions in Bengaluru amid weak enforcement mechanisms and rising property prices.

An exclusive body, officials believe, may come in handy, as its engineering section is busy with other responsibilities.

Speaking to *DH*, GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao said there was "loud thinking" about forming an exclusive body at the centralised level.

"While the individual municipal corporations can handle certain cases, there may be some pressure when it comes to demolishing buildings. However, a decision will be taken only after consulting the five commissioners," he said.

In its recent order, the state government had communicated to the GBA that it must establish a governance structure to regulate and supervise the construction of buildings in the city by using its existing workforce. A source in the GBA said that discussions had taken place regarding the formation of an enforcement squad, but senior officials were wary of the outcome.

On average, the now-dissolved Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) issued about 10,000 building plan approvals annually.

However, the number of property owners constructing new buildings could be two to three times higher, as the civic body does not approve plans on plots classified as 'B' khata, but allows the constructions by taking no action.

People fighting against illegal buildings in their neighborhoods have had little success, despite knocking on the doors of every enforcement agency.

The civic body has cited every excuse, from staff shortage to lack of funds, to buy time and allow the illegal construction to be completed.

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>
> **M Maheshwar Rao**
> GBA Chief Commissioner

R Rajagopalan, convener of the Bengaluru Coalition, a collective of citizens, said enforcement had become virtually non-existent in Bengaluru. "Exempting OC (Occupancy Certificate) will further encourage violations and circumvent the Supreme Court order that had stopped providing essential services to properties without legal compliance," he noted.

Suhas Ananth Rajkumar, a resident of CV Raman Nagar, said the enforcement squad alone would not help unless punitive measures were introduced to ensure that engineers concerned take action against illegal buildings.

"So far, we have never heard of a single officer being punished for allowing illegal constructions. The civic body has laid out plenty of procedures, but illegal constructions thrive. While the BBMP did issue a couple of notices, demolitions rarely happened. The civic body must ensure unauthorised construction is not occupied. Once people realise that, they will stop breaking the law," he said.

Some say action against illegal buildings is deliberately curtailed in Bengaluru as roughly about Rs 2,000 crore changes hands every year.

BDA recovers property worth Rs 12.5 crore

BENGALURU, DHNS: With police support, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Tuesday reclaimed a prime encroached property at RT Nagar.

The drive saw demolition of four unauthorised sheds and a compound wall on Survey Number 10/1, Matadahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk. The 585 sqm of land is valued at Rs 12.5 crore. The corner property is likely to be put up for sale through e-auction.

Palestine protest in city put off

BENGALURU, DHNS: The city police have denied permission for a protest against the Gaza genocide at Freedom Park on September 12, citing ongoing demonstrations at the venue.

The inspector of the jurisdictional Upparpet police station conveyed the denial in writing to the organisers on September 9.

The protest was organised by the All India Students' Association (AISA), Bengaluru for Justice and Peace, Fridays for Future, and other organisations.

A source said the police denied permission, citing the need to deploy personnel for the Ganesha idol immersion processions, and asked the organisers to hold the protest anytime between September 22 and 29.

Yellow Line: Higher frequency boosts ridership

BENGALURU, DHNS: With train frequency on Namma Metro's Yellow Line improving with the addition of a fourth trainset on Wednesday, the ridership saw a marginal increase of 5-6%, according to a senior BMRCL official.

"We saw about 4,000-5,000 more passengers during the day, and comparatively more in the evening. Since this was the first day, not many were aware of the improved frequency. We're expecting to see higher ridership on Thursday," the official told *DH*.

With the induction of the new train set, trains now run every 19 minutes instead of every 25 minutes on all days of the week. Services begin at 6 am, instead of 6.30 am, from Monday to Saturday, and at 7 am on Sundays.

With four trains, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is now running 55 one-way trips from RV Road and Bommasandra.

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However, the schedule caused some confusion among commuters on Wednesday. "I was unaware of the new timings, so I ended up missing the train and having to wait for about 20 minutes anyway. Many others also faced the same issue," shared Shilpa G, an IT employee who travels between Jayanagar and Electronics City for work every day.

Commuters also shared that the crowds were slightly more than normal during the morning and evening peak hours, especially at the interchange stations, Majestic and RV Road.

Another senior BMRCL official said that a fifth trainset — fully made in India like the fourth one — was expected to be dispatched by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL) on September 17 or 18, and would reach Bengaluru by September-end. "Following necessary tests, we will induct the trainset into service some time in October. Frequency will further improve to 16-17 minutes," the official told *DH*.

The sixth trainset, currently undergoing outfitment at the TRSL plant near Kolkata, is expected to be dispatched in October, the official added.

Women flag safety gaps in BMTC despite free travel scheme

Need better infra, protection from harassment, say panellists

Participants at the 'Women on the Move' event in the city on Wednesday. DH PHOTO/ASRA MAVAD

BENGALURU, DHNS

Despite the success of the free bus travel scheme for women, Bengaluru's transport system needs significant improvements, participants said at a mobility-focused event on Wednesday.

Titled 'Women on the Move', the event was held at Bangalore Creative Circus in Yeshwantpur, and was facilitated by the Sustainable Mobility Network, a coalition of 25 transport advocacy groups. It drew on a research report co-commissioned by social impact organisations Asar and Purpose.

Vendors, a student, and a social justice activist shared their commuting experiences.

While the Shakti scheme saves time and money, panellists said safety remains a major concern. The report noted that fare subsidies do not address safety, with most women stating that they had not seen improvements since the scheme's launch.

Other issues raised included bus delays, unserved areas, and poorly lit, unsheltered bus stops. Panellists urged improved routes and timings, better infrastructure, and protection from harassment.

Participants also joined a workshop to discuss accessibility, safety, and operational efficiency across three case studies.

The Sustainable Mobility Network will collate the findings and present them to the BMTC.

Improving safety features

The BMTC will install an additional security camera on electric buses, raising the number from four to five per bus.

"We are also planning to integrate our services with Suraksha, the SOS app of the Bengaluru Traffic Police as well," said Ramachandran R, Managing Director of BMTC.

Passenger, BMTC driver trade blows in ugly bus spat

BENGALURU, DHNS: A BMTC electric bus driver and a woman passenger came to blows after a heated argument on Monday.

The incident occurred on route 502F, operating between Kengeri and Jalahalli. The bus was heading towards Jalahalli when an argument ensued due to the woman blocking access to the front door.

A video, which went viral on Wednesday, showed the bus stopping on Tumakuru Road as the passenger hurled insults in Kannada and slapping the driver. He retaliated with a blow of his own.

Initial findings suggested that the driver was at fault, a senior BMTC official admitted, adding that the agency is investigating.

The driver, identified as Ravi, has been with the BMTC for a year. However, the drivers for the electric buses are not appointed by the BMTC, but by the bus manufacturer. The EV in question was supplied by TML Smart City Mobility Solutions, a subsidiary of Tata Motors.

Concerns about electric bus operations have surfaced repeatedly. Passengers have complained of drivers lacking soft skills and frequent sudden braking incidents that cause injuries. The BMTC has since appointed a soft skills trainer for e-bus drivers.

New non-AC BMTC services

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) introduced the following non-AC bus services on Wednesday:

242-SK: KR Market to Solur via Sunkadakatte, Kadabagere Cross, Tavarekere, Varadenahalli Hand Post, Motaganahalli, Kodihalli, Naganahalli, Shettipalya, Gudemaranahalli, and Gudemaranahalli Hand Post.

258-KM: Kempegowda Bus Station to Madigondanahalli via Yeshwantpur, Madanayakanahalli, Nelamangala, Yantaganahalli, Mahadevapura, and Gudemaranahalli Hand Post, according to a news release.

Conference on AI at Vijaya College

BENGALURU, DHNS: Vijaya College, RV Road, in association with the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) and the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), is organising a two-day national conference on 'Artificial Intelligence: A Multidisciplinary Approach in Research' on September 11 and 12.

The event will take place in a hybrid mode. The inaugural session will be attended by KS Rangappa, NASI professor and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore; G Viswanthappa, Professor, NCERT, Delhi; TA Balakrishna and TS Sridhar, Secretary and Joint Secretary, respectively, of BHSHES; and KMF Director J Jaikumar among others, according to a press release.

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BSNL, Central & State Govt, IT/BT Employee's (Working & Retired) HBCS Ltd.,

It is hereby notified that the **14th Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the year 2024-2025 will be held on Wednesday the 17th September 2025 at 10.30 am at Sri Vinayaka Temple Auditorium,** 1st Cross, 2nd Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032. The individual notices have been posted on time to the Members and if not received it is requested to treat this as Meeting Notice. Members are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

Members are requested to bring the ID card issued by the Society.

Sd/-
Secretary

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80 Ft. Road, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru. Ph No: 080-25037203/080-25037214.

Date: 09.09.2025

e-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Item rate tenders are invited for the following works.

Name of work	**Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Water Purifiers at LPSC(B) Campus, Bengaluru**
Tender Notice No.	**LPSC(B)/CMD/03/3011/C/ MI/020/2025-26 dated 09.09.2025**
Estimated Amount	**₹ 5.79 Lakhs**
Period of completion	**12 months**
Period of downloading	**From 09.09.2025 to 22.09.2025**
Earnest Money Deposit	**₹ 11,580/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. Also detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in, www.lpsc.gov.in**

Sd/- Head CMD, LPSC (B)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Proposed LR of deceased Respondent No.2 i.e. R2(b)
Vide order dated:02.09.2025
R.F.A.No.1345/2007

Sri. Sabdar Khan @ Amir Khan & Others ... **APPELLANTS**
(By Sriyuths: H.L. Pradeep Kumar adv. for A1 & A2 (NOC not obtained, VK Filed), Basavaraj V. Sabarad adv. for A1 to A3)
-V/s-
Shanwaj Begum, Since dead by Lrs. Sri. Abdul Azeez & others ... **RESPONDENTS**
(By Sriyuths: Varun Papi Reddy adv. for R1(a) to R1(k), A. P. Pulakeshi adv. for R2(a, c, d, e, f to j), Mahesh R Uppin adv. for R4)
To, **RESPONDENT**
2(b) SRI. MUAWAR KHAN S/O LATE MAHABOOB BEE, R/AT NO.2437, DARGA MOHALLA, DODDABALLAPURA - 561203.

Appeal from the judgment and decree dated 27.02.2007 passed in O.S.No.58/2003 on the file of the Civil Judge, (Sr. Dn) Doddaballapur.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **26.09.2025** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, on this 09/09/2025

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender No. LRC-3_COACH-CLEANING-PTI, dated 08.09.2025. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (LHB), Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah, Pin-711204 from tenderers having financial and technical capabilities for the following work: **Name of the Work:** Interior Cleaning of all types of POHed coaches, Dry and Wet cleaning of chairs of LHB AC Chair Car Coaches, Buffing of Stainless Steel Components, Buffing and Polishing of Stainless Steel components and intensive cleaning of Pantry Cars. **Approx. Cost of Works:** Rs. 1,41,22,062.37. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,20,600/-. **Tender Document Cost:** Rs. 0.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 03.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Website where complete Details of Tender is available: **www.ireps.gov.in** MISC-203/2025-26

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e-Procurement Notice

JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors for Constructions of 100 Bedded Hostel for PM-JANMAN at Sahebganj, Gumla, East Singhbhum and Garhwa Division of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 03.10.2025 at 2.00 PM.

The details of tender document can be seen and applied through website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in only.

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State Project Director
Jharkhand Education Project Council

PR 361485 Jharkhand Education Project Council (25-26)_D

Ref. No.: JEPC/CIV/03/1638/2025/3434 Ranchi, Date :- 09.09.2025

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e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. – 389/PR/ JUSNL/ 2025-26

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced and financially sound firm for the following works : -

Name of work	Design, Engineering, Supply of Materials/ Equipments, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132/33 KV, 2 x 80 MVA Grid sub -station including construction of Control Room Building & approach road as well as other civil works at ITI More, Chas, Bokaro on turnkey basis
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 72,77,80,287.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,45,55,610.00 On line mode
Completion Period	18 Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 20,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	15.09.2025 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and time of upload of BID	15.09.2025 at 11:00 AM
End date and time of upload of BID	08.10.2025 upto 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part	09.10.2025 at 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication	General Manager, C&M (NWBP), 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned **(6202162568)** during office hours.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.
3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

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Sd/-
General Manager C&M (NWBP)

PR 361526 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 25-26 (D)

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/ Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of President of India, invites E-tenders against open tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No., E-Tender No. & Date and Name of work** are as follows : **1. 42-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 09.09.2025.** Electrical (G) works in connection with Elimination of 01 No. Manned Level crossing (LC No. 140) by construction of RUB between Saljajori-Tatanagar under AEN/I/TATA. **Tender Value :** ₹ 11,08,568.99. **EMD:** ₹ 22,200/-. **2. 44-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 09.09.2025.** Upgradation/Modernisation of Infrastructure of existing goods shed at Gua. **Tender Value :** ₹ 49,23,706.37. **EMD:** ₹ 98,500/- **3. 47-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 09.09.2025.** Electrical (G) works in connection with Replacement of over aged Air Conditioners with 5 star rated energy efficient Air Conditioners and Provision of new ACs over Chakradharpur division (2nd Call). **Tender Value :** ₹ 30,12,879.22. **EMD:** ₹ 60,300/-. **4. 48-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 09.09.2025.** Electrical (G) works in connection with Elimination of 02 Nos. Manned Level crossings (LC No. RBK-63 and RBK-51) by construction of RUB under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Dangoaposi. **Tender Value :** ₹ 25,81,674.86. **EMD:** ₹ 51,600/-. **5. 50-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 09.09.2025.** Provision of reliable power supply, illumination and wiring at 58 nos. LC gates with no local supply availability over Chakradharpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,71,65,119.14. **EMD:** ₹ 2,85,800/-. **Tender Document Cost in Rs.:** Nil for each. **Date of Closing/Opening :** 07.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1, 2 & 3 and 13.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for 4 and 5. The Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps. gov.in** The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **(PR-612)**

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

National Cinema Day: Celebrations organised by Jain University; N Vinayak, Dinesh Neelakanth to participate; University campus, Lalbagh Road; 9 am.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
Minimum	20.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	68%
Sunset (Sep 11)	6:25 pm
Sunrise (Sep 12)	6:09 am
Moonrise	8:23 pm
Moonset	8:18 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

NGO urges 'Walkable Bengaluru Mission'; says TenderSURE model can transform city in 10 yrs

BENGALURU, DHNS: City-based Jana Urban Space (JUSP) Foundation has written to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, urging the government to launch a 'Walkable Bengaluru Mission' and shift the focus from patching potholes to building better quality roads.

The appeal follows an impact assessment of TenderSURE roads, which showed improvements in walkability, safety, women's mobility, maintenance, and flood reduction.

Between 2012 and 2017, the Jana Urban Space (JUSP) piloted the TenderSURE model in the city's Central Business District, overseeing 10 km of road redevelopment. DH FILE PHOTO

The proposed mission calls for prioritising arterial and sub-arterial roads, with phased plans for local and collector roads. It also suggests transforming the 60-km Outer Ring Road into a people-oriented corridor, integrating upcoming metro lines with TenderSURE principles, notifying TenderSURE guidelines for all future road projects and creating a dedicated technical team within Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B.SMILE) to drive implementation.

"Bengaluru's 150 km of TenderSURE roads cover less than 2% of the city's 13,000-km road network. The city is infamous for traffic jams, high pedestrian fatalities, and worsening air quality. With an annual outlay of Rs 25,000 crore, Bengaluru could build 1,500 km of TenderSURE roads every year — making a 100% walkable city possible within a decade," said Nithya Ramesh, Director (Planning and Design), JUSP.

Between 2012 and 2017, JUSP piloted the TenderSURE model in the city's Central Business District, overseeing 10 km of road redevelopment.

Across the country, over 500 km of TenderSURE roads are either completed or under construction in 34 cities across seven states, including Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Meghalaya, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

"The issue with roads in India is we do not have model guidelines and design tenders for contractors to build proper footpaths and roads. The TenderSURE model has shown results. The government can adopt it, regardless of the name," said Srikanth Viswanathan, Executive Director, JUSP and CEO, Janaagraha.

Nimhans study shows suicide re-attempt rate at 1.19% in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: The suicide re-attempt rate in Bengaluru stands at 1.19%, while deaths from re-attempts are at 0.2%, data from Nimhans has shown.

The findings are from the N-SPRITE (Suicide Prevention, Research, Implementation, Training and Engagement center) Urban Self-Harm Study (USHAS), conducted by Nimhans in collaboration with the National Health Mission, Karnataka.

USHAS has helped reduce re-attempts among persons admitted to public hospitals after self-harm. Since 2022, the project has been active in 16 hospitals, including Victoria, KC General, and Bowring and Lady Curzon in Bengaluru.

"More than 10% of people who attempt suicide can die by suicide. It is important to provide support. Under USHAS, we have been able to bring this rate down to negligible levels by handholding such people," said Dr Pratima Murthy, Director of Nimhans.

The programme has set up self-harm registries to record details of those arriving at emergency departments. Patients are screened for suicide risk, their characteristics studied, and brief interventions with telephone follow-ups are provided to reduce future self-harm.

So far, 20,861 people who attempted self-harm have been included in these registries. Of them, 44.37% were in the 25–39 age group and 28.87% in the 18–24 group. Men accounted for 55.76%, women 44.15%, and transgender persons 0.09%.

The data showed a stronger link between self-harm and a history of alcohol, nicotine, or substance use. Interventions were given to 16,264 people, while others were excluded due to death or being unreachable over the phone.

"People should know help exists and they can take it," said Dr Anish Cheria, Lead N-SPRITE, Nimhans.

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Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts to be filled in **Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) College of Ayurved, Pune - 43** and Proposed **Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) College of Ayurved and Hospital, Kolhapur.**

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2.	Rachana Sharira	02	03	03
3.	Kriya Sharira	02	04	03
4.	Dravyaguna Vijnana	01	-	-
5.	Kaumarbhritya	-	-	01
6.	Agad Tantra Evam Vidhi	01	-	01
7.	Shalakya Tantra	-	01	02
8.	Swasthavritta Evam Yoga	-	01	01
9.	Panchakarma	-	01	-
10.	Medical Superintendent	02 (Pune - 01, Kolhapur - 01)		

For detailed information about posts, qualifications, experience for above posts and online application, please visit Bharati Vidyapeeth's website
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The last date for receiving applications will be 15 days from the date of publishing the advertisement.

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Shri U.T. Khader Fareed, Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly

INAUGURATION
Date: 11-09-2025, Thursday, Time: 5-00 PM
Venue: Grand Steps of Vidhana Soudha

In the presence of

Shri R. Ashok
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Shri Chalavadi Narayanaswamy
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition
Karnataka Legislative Council

Shri H. K. Patil
Hon'ble Minister for Law & Parliamentary Affairs Govt. of Karnataka

Shri Rudrappa Manappa Lamani
Hon'ble Deputy Speaker
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Shri M.K. Pranesh
Hon'ble Deputy Chairman
Karnataka Legislative Council

CONFERENCE VENUE : Hotel Taj West End, Bengaluru

Conference Highlights

Karnataka for the first time in the history is hosting the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference.
The conference will be held on 12th and 13th September at Hotel Taj West End, Bengaluru.

The Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Speakers and Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Legislative Councils from various states, Secretary General of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Secretaries of various State Legislative Assemblies and Councils, and other Secretary-level officers will participate in the event.
9 special guests from the Commonwealth nations are attending the CPA Conference as Special Invitees

6 Hubballi pilgrims to Manasarovar seek help

HUBBALLI, DHNS: Six more Kannadigas stuck in Kathmandu have urged the government to rescue them along with 39 tourists stranded in Nepal's capital.

The six were part of a 36-member Manasarovar pilgrimage from Karnataka.

They had to cut short their 14-day tour, following the death of N B Joshi, a 70-year-old resident of Hubballi on Monday (September 8). He suffered a heart attack near Manasarovar lake.

His family members faced hardship while transporting the mortal remains due to the turmoil in Nepal.

"On humanitarian grounds, Chinese authorities allowed us to travel via road from their borders into Nepal," said Satish Kulkarni, a relative of Joshi, from Kathmandu.

With flight services disturbed and uncertainty looming large, the family performed the final rites of Joshi near Pashupatinath temple on Tuesday night.

Nepalis in B'luru share accounts of burnt houses and businesses

'It's no longer a Gen Z protest, pol outfits have taken over'

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Amid the ongoing unrest in Nepal, Nepalis living in Bengaluru feel helpless, unable to provide any assistance to family and friends stuck back home.

The past 48 hours have been tense, members of the Nepali community say.

A postgraduate college student has been trying to find a way to get back home.

"I know the situation is bad right now, and my parents need me. We have a hotel business, and the protestors have burned it to the ground. We've lost everything, and my parents are unable to deal with the situation," said 25-year-old Pragya Adhikari.

A 42-year-old domestic help, Lakshmi, was distraught, as she was unable to get in touch with her teen son studying in Kathmandu.

"Before last night, when I had spoken to him, he was furious at what was going on in the country and wanted to stand up against corruption. He had said he wanted to take part in the youth protests, and then I wasn't able to get in touch with him. It was scary," she said.

The current situation in Nepal was expected due to the growing corruption, shared Nikhil Agarwal, a Nepali citizen and owner of the Bamey's chain of restaurants.

Flights to Nepal

Air India Express operates daily direct flights between Bengaluru and Kathmandu, and Royal Nepal operates three direct flights per week between the two cities. While all flights to Nepal were cancelled on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Kempegowda International Airport had received no notice on when flights from Bengaluru to Nepal and vice versa would resume until Wednesday evening, an airport source said.

As the ideal time to visit Nepal is considered between October and November due to good weather and clear skies, the uncertainty in the region is set to impact the tourism sector, according to city-based travel agents.

"I left Nepal in 2011 for the very same reasons. There has been so much corruption ever since the monarchy collapsed that it has been impossible for the common man to make a living. But although I decided to leave, my parents and brother decided to stay back. Our family has been living in Nepal for 150 years," he elaborated.

Nikhil shared accounts of homes and businesses of friends and family being burned down during the protests.

"My sister-in-law's home and cars were burned down. My friend's store was vandalised. It's a really sad situation. No one's leaving their homes anymore because criminals and gangsters have made it out of the prisons and are now roaming free," said the 32-year-old.

The protests have also targeted schools in the capital city. "My niece and nephew's school was burned down yesterday. They're burning down buildings 200 metres away from my sister's house. This is no longer a Gen Z protest; the youth wouldn't indulge in such vandalism. Various political outfits have taken over the protests, unfortunately," shared Pratik Kothari, who moved to India in 2013, in search of better opportunities.

Most Nepalis said they were appalled by the misinformation about the ongoing situation in the Indian media.

"The media had us more worried due to the misinformation. But since social media is back, I have been able to get in touch with my relatives and know what's happening on the ground. While there is uncertainty, the situation seems to be slowly getting better," said Manish Thapa, a bar manager.

Kannadigas stuck but safe, air fares skyrocket

SHRADDHA A K
BENGALURU, DHNS

People from Karnataka remain stranded in Nepal but are safe, according to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

In a statement on Wednesday, the CMO said that the chief secretary and Karnataka's resident commissioner in Delhi were coordinating efforts to stay in touch with the stranded Kannadigas.

The state government officials are also in talks with India's Ministry of External Affairs to facilitate their return from Nepal, the statement added.

Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport has suspended both domestic and international flights due to ongoing anti-corruption protests, leaving all Indians stranded in the Himalayan nation.

Bengalureans stuck in Nepal told *DH* that riots have broken out in some areas, forcing them to stay inside their hotels.

Although Air India has announced special flights to Delhi, fares have skyrocketed.

A Bengaluru-based journalist, staying in a three-star hotel with a group of Indians in Kathmandu, reported that Thursday's fares were as high as Rs 85,000.

Rajani Maski, who is among 39 Kannadigas stranded in hotels near Kathmandu airport, said the situation was improving slightly but riots were still taking place. "We have been hearing ambulances and fire engines with their sirens on since morning," she told *DH*.

She said the area around the airport seemed more tense than other parts of the city. Some members of the travel group have been injured or fallen sick, but no pharmacies or hospitals are open nearby. "We fear we won't be able to manage staying in Kathmandu any longer. I can't sustain this another day," Rajani said.

She added that there were rumours of a bus service to evacuate Indians from Kathmandu, but no official confirmation was available.

Ilaiyaraaja offers diamond crown, gold ornaments to Kollur temple

UDUPI, DHNS: Musician, composer and playback singer Ilaiyaraaja has offered diamond-studded crown (Kirita) and gold ornaments to Goddess Mookambika at Kollur in the district on Wednesday.

Musician and singer Ilaiyaraaja offers diamond-studded crowns and other ornaments to Kollur Mookambika Temple in Udupi district on Wednesday.

Earlier, he had donated a diamond-studded 'Hasta' (palm). This time, he has presented a diamond crown and gold ornaments to the Goddess, while offering a diamond-studded silver crown and a silver sword to Lord Veerabhadra in the temple complex.

Accompanied by panchavadyas, the crowns and the ornaments were brought in a Poornakumbha procession from the Olaga Mantapa to the temple through the Ratha Beedi in the town. After the temple priests performed the rituals, the crowns and ornaments were offered to the deities. Later, the temple administration felicitated Ilaiyaraaja on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Ilaiyaraaja said, "I own nothing. Everything is by the grace and blessings of the Divine Mother Mookambika."

Ilaiyaraaja's son Karthik Ilaiyaraaja, grandson Yathish Ilaiyaraaja and others were present.

Revisit law to revise maintenance limits for parents, HC tells Centre

Sec 9 of 2007 Act caps maintenance at Rs 10k, judge calls it 'meagre'

BENGALURU, DHNS

The High Court has asked the union government to revisit Section 9 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, to revise the ceiling of maintenance in tune with the cost of living index.

Justice M Nagaprasanna said this while disposing of a petition filed by four sons and a daughter-in-law of a Bengaluru-based senior citizen couple.

Section 9 mandates maximum maintenance allowance, which may be ordered by the tribunal, not exceeding Rs 10,000 per month.

The court said while the Act came into force in 2007, even after several amendments, maintenance has remained at Rs 10,000.

It perused the cost inflation index as released by the Ministry of Finance and said the cost of inflation was 129 in 2007-08 and stood at 363 today.

"Thus, what one could procure for Rs 100 in 2007 requires nearly Rs 1,000 in 2025. Prices of food, shelter and medicine have climbed steeply; only the statutory cap of Rs 10,000 has remained petrified, untouched, notwithstanding the march of time," it said.

Justice Nagaprasanna said, "Can maintenance be so meagre, achieve objectives of the Act? Can a citizen secure dignity, subsistence and medical aid within confines of Section 9 requires pondering, so to say otherwise would be to reduce the existence of those senior citizens "as mere animal existence".

"This court cannot legislate, it cannot rewrite Section 9, yet it bears the responsibility to sensitise the government of India, that a provision which stood meaningful in 2007, now mocks its own benevolence in 2025."

In the case at hand, petitioners—Sunil, Hemanth, Pramod and Inder, and his wife Preethi, all residents of Bengaluru — challenged the April 16, 2021, order passed by the assistant commissioner, North Division, directing payment of compensation of Rs 5 lakh to Heeralal Bohra & Nirmala Bohra, stepmother of the petitioners.

They argued that there is no scope for awarding compensation and that their father receives Rs 80,000 as rent from the shops he had leased.

The court acceded that the word "compensation" is not found either in the Act or in the rules.

"The order thus suffers from twin illegalities – one it is an ex parte order and the other the compensation of Rs 5,00,000 is contrary to the Act or rules. The interpretation of the Act by different high courts qua the issue in the lis concerning grant of compensation in place of maintenance would undoubtedly lead to obliteration of the order impugned and the matter being remitted back to the assistant commissioner for fresh consideration, to pass necessary orders, after affording opportunity of hearing the parties to the subject lis," the court said.

The court said that the elderly couple is entitled to a maintenance of Rs 10,000 each from April 16, 2021 until now and Rs 30,000 per month from the date of judgment until the assistant commissioner issues fresh order.

Fortify Cyber Command Centre, give it teeth to it: HC to govt

BENGALURU, DHNS: The High Court of Karnataka has directed the state government to further fortify the Cyber Command Centre (CCC), set up on September 2.

The CCC was established following the orders of the court in April 2025 in a petition filed by Newspace Research and Technologies Limited, Bengaluru, while appointing an SIT, headed by senior IPS officer Pranab Mohanty, to investigate alleged data theft and espionage.

The government order created the CCC and brought under it all CEN (Cyber, Economic and Narcotic) stations in the state, including 45 in the rest of the state, one each at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the police commissionerate in Bengaluru.

After perusing the order, the court observed that the CCC must be insulated from external intrusion and that it would remain stable and transparent when the officers serve with continuity and without disruptions of frequent transfers.

"This CCC should not be a mere edifice of bureaucracy, but a paradigm shift, a beacon heralding a new dawn in the fight against cybercrime. Giving it teeth in its true perspective would be making the CCC emerge as a new-age antidote to meet new-age crimes. Therefore, it must be robustly fortified," Justice M Nagaprasanna said.

The court said that 8,396 cases were registered under the Information Technology Act in 2021. The CEN crime police stations registered 31,791 cases between 2023 and 2025 while the regular police stations recorded 22,827 cases.

"The graph has climbed steeply, a chilling reminder of the exponential growth of cyber crime. Thus, the CCC is not an option, but an imperative born of necessity," the court noted.

The court has directed the Director General of Police, CCC, to submit a report showing progress in the investigation of cybercrimes or integration of all information and technology cases under the CCC.

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VSDCH/Tender Notification/575 /2025-26 Date: 25/08/2025

TENDER NOTICE (TWO-COVER SYSTEM)

Terms & Conditions of the Tender for the supply of Dental Materials /Orthodontics Materials/ General Consumables/ Surgical Implants for the period of 02 years 2025-26 & 2026-27.

Sl No.	Materials (Consumables)	Approximate amount put to tender (In Rs)	EMD(Rs)	Cost of blank tender form (in Rs. Including GST)
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3	Orthodontics Material	50,00,000/-	1,00,000/-	5,900/-
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2. The Tender forms are not transferable.
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4. Last date for submission of Quoted Tender documents 30-09-2025 before 4.00 pm.
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6. Tenders should be submitted only in the prescribed format.

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NOTICE FOR THE 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Notice is hereby given to hold the 54th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Society on Friday, the 19th September, 2025 (19-09-2025) at 5.30 pm, at Cauvery Hall, 4th Floor, C.R. Building, Queen's Road, Bangalore.

By order of the Managing Committee
Sd/- K. VENKATESH BABU
Secretary (I/C)

Note: 1. Members desirous of moving resolutions, if any, may send the same to the Society so as to reach on or before 12-09-2025.
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Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT
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Change of Name
I, RESHMA B. resident of 1-76 Nemu House, Kaup, Udupi-574106 have changed my name to VIJAYALAXMI SUDARSHAN SHETTIGAR vide affidavit dated 17/06/2025 sworn before Notary Ambika.S, Bangalore

NAME CHANGE
We, Pavithra. R W/o of Shiva Shankar S.R and Shiva Shankar S.R, S/o Ranganathan. R/o No. 50, 1st Cross, Near St. Peter and Paul Church, J J R Nagar, Bengaluru-560018, have changed our minor son's name from GRITISH. S to GAGAN. S vide affidavit Dt: 28/08/2025 sworn before notary Mamatha N.K. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Usha Kumar, Spouse of Wg Cdr V P Krishna Kumar resident of 173, Jal Vayu Towers, NGEF Layout, Indira Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560038, have changed my name from Usha Kumar to USHA KRISHNA KUMAR vide affidavit no. IN-KA38913606688795X dated 09-Sep-2025, before notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

I CARMEL W/o. Michael Xavier Age 68 Years, Address August Villa 854, Anglo Indian colony, 6th cross, Robertsonpet, KGF-563122. Ward No. 28, has changed my Name from Maria Assuntha Carmel to Carmel vide Affidavit dated 9/9/2025 before Notary by Thangaraj .S

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASFIYA FASIULLA KHAN, resident at No. 660, 1st Stage, 9th Main, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru - 560043, have changed my name to ASFIYA KHAN vide affidavit dated 10-09-2025 before notary Sivakumara M.N., Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called as ASFIYA KHAN only.

I, SUMESHCHANDRA Kaimal S/o.S Madhusudanan R/o. C1403, Princetown Royal,2 Shettihalli Main Road, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560015 have changed my name to MADHUSUDANAN SUMESHCHANDRA KAIMAL for all future purposes. vide affidavit dated:09.09.2025 Sworn before notary: Chandrakala, Bengaluru

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Nursing college 'forces' student's mom to give up ornaments for not paying fees

GANGAVATHI (KOPPAL DISTRICT), DHNS

An incident of the mother of a nursing college student being forced to part with her gold ornaments, including 'mangalsutra' for not paying fees for the first year of the course has been reported here.

The student, Kaveri Hanumanthappa Walikara of Muslapura in Kanakagiri taluk, had got admitted to BBC Nursing College on a management seat.

She had paid Rs 10,000, promising to deposit Rs 90,000 in instalments.

But, after one month, the family's poor economic condition forced Kaveri to apply for a seat at the government college in Gadag district.

C B Chiniwala, chairman of BBC college, reportedly refused to give Kaveri the transfer certificate and return the marks card of her previous course.

He insisted that the student should pay up the pending fees of the first year and also that of the remaining three years, failing which he would not hand over the documents to her.

Chiniwala reportedly told Hanumanthappa Walikara and Renukamma, the girl's parents, that Renukamma could hand over her gold ornaments, including 'mangalsutra', ear-rings and nose ring to clear the dues, if Kaveri wants her documents.

It is said that the Koppal deputy commissioner spoke to the college chairman and sought details about the incident. Chiniwala reportedly told the DC that Kaveri's parents themselves gave up the ornaments and also submitted an undertaking that the college authorities did not force them to do so.

He told the DC that the girl's documents had been handed over to her.

HAL to build SSLVs for Isro under 10-year deal

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Aviation major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Wednesday signed an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) and other space agencies for the commercial manufacturing of small satellite launch vehicles (SSLVs). These vehicles will allow private companies to launch satellites into low-Earth orbit for civil and military use.

HAL will manufacture SSLVs for 10 years, with Isro providing support during the first two years, when two prototypes will be built, top government sources told *DH*. A new spaceport coming up in Tamil Nadu will be used for these launches.

SSLVs can carry nano, micro and mini satellites weighing up to 300 kg to sun-synchronous orbit.

High Court quashes criminal proceedings against OYO founder

BENGALURU, DHNS: The High Court of Karnataka has quashed criminal proceedings against Ritesh Agarwal, founder of hospitality chain OYO Rooms, Anuj Tejpal, Director of OYO Hotels and Homes Limited, and others, initiated by one of the partners Rajesh Padachori.

The court noted that the complaint was nothing but an echo of claims already ventilated before the arbitral forum.

"It is a settled axiom that courts, when confronted with complaints of this genre, must pierce the veil of clever drafting and discern the true animated intent. The complaint may, on its face, appear to recite ingredients of penal provisions, yet, if its substratum is no more than a claim for money or damages arising from contractual breaches, it would fall squarely within the province of civil adjudication," Justice M Nagaprasanna said.

The Jayanagar police in Bengaluru had registered a case of cheating, criminal breach of trust and other offences in 2023.

The petitioners argued that the entire issue stems from a dispute regarding three agreements and an arbitration dispute involving similar claims. On the other hand, the complainant contended that the petitioners had abandoned three hotels notwithstanding the agreements to maximise profits. It was further stated that OYO has been consistently engaging in unfair trade practices, particularly in its dealings with partner hotels.

The court said that the allegations, when considered in isolation of what is projected in the complaint, would clearly reveal that the allegations relate to demands for repayment of money and redress of contractual grievances.

Case against 5 for locking forest personnel in cage

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS: Based on a complaint lodged by the Assistant Conservator of Forest, police have registered a case against five people for locking up Forest Department personnel in a cage installed to capture a tiger at Bommalapura village in Gundlupet taluk in the district.

Raghu, Prasad, Deepu, Gangadhar Swamy and Revanna have been booked for obstructing government officers from discharging their duty, issuing life threats and locking them in a cage on Tuesday. The villagers were reportedly upset over the department's alleged inaction in capturing the tiger that had killed their livestock.

According to the complaint, the personnel were waylaid by locals while en route to a combing operation in a department vehicle.

Procurement scam at Bidar vet varsity: Lokayukta raids ex-VC, officials

Plaint alleges Rs 32.26 cr scam between 2018 & 2022

SHASHIKANTH S SHEMBELLI
BIDAR, DHNS

The Lokayukta sleuths on Wednesday conducted simultaneous raids on 69 premises of the former V-C, registrar and scores of officials of the Bidar-based Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU), across the state, over the alleged irregularities in procuring furniture, computers and lab equipment for its affiliate colleges between 2018 and 2022.

Following the complaint of irregularities, the Lokayukta officials from Bidar, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Yadgir, Dharwad and Bengaluru, under the guidance of Lokayukta ADGP Manish Kharbikar, raided at 31 premises in Bengaluru, 24 in Bidar, two premises each in Koppal and Chikkamagaluru and one each at Ramanagara, Hassan, Kolar and Udupi.

Under the scanner

H D Narayanaswamy was the vice chancellor between 2018 and 2022. Prof K C Veeranna, the incumbent V-C, was registrar during the said period. Former finance controller officer Prof K L Suresh, former assistant finance controller Mrutyunjaya, contract worker Sunil Patil and 10 others have been named in the plaint.

The Lokayukta officials have searched the houses of former V-C and registrar, who served between 2018 and 2022, along with those of deans, varsity officials, engineers, office staff and contract workers, across the state.

Vital documents

During the searches, the sleuths have seized a few vital documents and four lorries owned by a retired staffer. A few officials were subjected to questioning for the entire day, sources in Lokayukta told *DH*.

Retired professor of Poultry Sciences and others in their complaint to Lokayukta had alleged that the 15 retired and serving officials, including the former V-C and registrar, were involved in Rs 32.26 crore scam by creating fake bills in the name of 50 companies, some fictitious, while procuring furniture, computers and lab equipment for seven colleges of the varsity.

Based on the complaint, the Lokayukta officials of Bidar and Kalaburagi conducted a joint investigation and found substance in the allegation of the rampant corruption in procurement. The Lokayukta had registered a case and had continued investigation. The raids are part of the ongoing investigation, the sources confirmed.

REVA University welcomes academic batch 2025-26

(Left to right) Dr Beena G, Dr Sanjay R Chitnis, Satya Lanka, Dr P Shyama Raju, Rohan Shravan, Dr K S Narayanaswamy and Dr R C Biradar.

REVA University, a frontrunner in higher education, inaugurated its new academic batch for 2025–26 yesterday at Saugandhika, REVA University. Satya Lanka, Vice President, Oracle Global Services Centre was the chief guest while Rohan Shravan, Founder, Inkers Technology, was the guest of honour.

Addressing the students, Satya Lanka spoke on the transformative nature of university life, remarking that in four years students will not only gain knowledge but also build friendships that last a lifetime. Highlighting the value of collaboration, he said, "Group projects often feel like 90 per cent therapy but prepare students for teamwork and critical thinking". Stressing on resilience, he said, "Failure is never the end - it is the roadmap to success and the story of your journey as an engineer."

Rohan Shravan shared his journey of entrepreneurship. He encouraged the students to embrace curiosity, never hesitate to ask questions and to start working towards their dreams without delay. "The most important thing is to ask - even the simplest of questions. If you can teach someone, you are already miles ahead," he said. "Dream as if there's no tomorrow. If you have a dream, begin today. The world is changing fast, and only those who stay alert and proactive will have the edge", he added.

Presiding over the ceremony, Dr P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University, reiterated the institution's mission of creating a holistic ecosystem that nurtures academic excellence and personal growth. "Education at REVA is a joint effort - students, parents and teachers working together systematically. My role is to provide an entrepreneurial ecosystem," he said. He also underlined REVA's guiding philosophy of 'educate to enterprise', calling it not just a slogan but a strategic commitment. "I want students of REVA to emerge as job providers by the time they graduate. Our responsibility is to instil an entrepreneurial spirit that fuels nation-building and aligns with the vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat," he said.

The inauguration marked the beginning of a transformative journey for the new batch, with the coming days curated to help students settle into university life while exploring their chosen programmes, campus culture and the diverse opportunities for academic, professional and personal development.

REVA University's Vice Chancellor Dr Sanjay R Chitnis, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr R C Biradar,

Registrar Dr K S Narayanaswamy, Registrar (Evaluation) Dr Beena G attended the event along with faculty, students and parents.

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UKP-3: 'Cabinet to decide on fair compensation'

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government will provide fair compensation to farmers whose lands will be acquired for phase three of the Upper Krishna Project (UKP-3) and a decision in this regard will be taken in the Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Wednesday.

The Cabinet is scheduled to meet on Thursday, where a decision on the UKP-3 land acquisition is expected.

Last week, the government pushed for consent-based acquisition following 'exorbitant' and 'unaffordable' compensation rates fixed by courts.

"The project was initially estimated to cost Rs 51,148 crore. It has been revised to Rs 87,818 crore. For land acquisition, the estimate earlier was Rs 17,627 crore. This has gone up to Rs 40,557.09 crore," Siddaramaiah said at a high-level meeting comprising his deputy D K Shivakumar, Law Minister HK Patil, MLAs and senior officials.

The UKP-3 can irrigate 5.94 lakh hectares. The project involves raising the height of the Almatti Dam from 519 to 524 metres, which will increase storage capacity by 100 tmc ft. This requires acquisition of 1.33 lakh acres, including 75,563 acres that will get submerged. Compensation awards have been issued for 29,566 acres so far.

New law notified

The Karnataka Appointment of Recovery Commissioner for Seizure and Attachment of Property of Illegal Mining and Proceeds of Crime Act was notified after it received Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's assent on September 9.

Remove ineligible BPL card holders, CM tells officials

'Ensure genuine beneficiaries are not inconvenienced'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday instructed officials to weed out ineligible Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders, and pointed out that the government having already removed 3.65 lakh such beneficiaries.

Chairing a meeting of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies, along with the department minister K H Muniyappa, the CM added, "Strict action must be taken to cancel ineligible BPL cards. But while doing so, genuine BPL card holders must not face any problem. Genuine persons who have been left out must be provided with BPL cards."

As many as 3,65,614 ineligible BPL card holders have been either removed or reclassified, read the statement released by the CM's office.

Vehicles transporting food grains must have GPS trackers, Siddaramaiah said, adding that CCTVs must be installed at warehouses.

Under the Anna Bhagya scheme, the government will examine the idea of providing a food kit containing nutritious grains and other supplies alongside rice, Siddaramaiah said and asked officials to prepare a proposal. The CM said new fair price shops for SC/STs should be started on priority.

Review of Housing Dept

During the day, Siddaramaiah also took stock of affairs at the Housing Department, along with minister Zameer Ahmed Khan.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), a total of 47,848 homes have been sanctioned. Of them, 13,303 are "almost completed", the CM noted.

According to Siddaramaiah, 7,900 homes in the first phase are almost ready. The beneficiary contribution of Rs 216 crore is pending. To enable allotment of homes by meeting the funding requirement, Siddaramaiah asked officials to prepare a proposal on raising a loan from Hudco.

The CM also assured of granting funds for basic infrastructure like roads for 42,000 homes that are being constructed by the Slum Development Board.

Under the Ambedkar Housing Scheme (Rural), 94,939 homes are being constructed and work is underway on 56,682 residences. The government has earmarked Rs 900 crore for this.

Forest officials seize 4,900 kg sandalwood logs, one held

SANDUR (BALLARI DIST), DHNS: Forest officials arrested one person and seized 4,900 kg of sandalwood being transported illegally near Bugarikolla village forest area of the taluk on Tuesday.

Forest department officials waylaid a vehicle transporting chopped sandalwood.

They arrested Manjunath Nayak (40), a resident of Sushilanagar, who was inside the vehicle. Nayak has been remanded in judicial custody.

Official sources said 4,900 kg of sandalwood and the tools used to chop them were seized.

"Efforts are on to nab three other people who fled the vehicle," said forest officer Syed Dada Qalandar.

GBA polls: DKS appoints six ministers for Cong prep

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar has appointed six ministers to oversee the party's affairs in connection with the five new municipal corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) where elections are due.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda (Bengaluru East), Urban Development Minister BS Suresha (Bengaluru West), Energy Minister KJ George (Bengaluru North), Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy (Bengaluru South) and Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan (Bengaluru Central).

The ministers have been tasked with preparing the Congress for the impending civic polls.

Clash in Maddur pre-planned: Ashoka

MADDUR (MANDYA DIST), DHNS

A mass Ganesha idol immersion procession was held under tight police security in Maddur on Wednesday. DH PHOTO

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka on Wednesday said there is no safety in Karnataka under the Congress government. "The government has turned blind and mute. This is a Taliban government," he charged.

Participating in the mass Ganesha idol procession in Maddur, Ashoka alleged that "mini Pakistans" are being created due to the Congress' vote-bank politics and claimed that a mosque had been illegally constructed in Maddur.

"Muslims can take out processions in front of temples during their festivals, but Hindus are forced to remain silent in front of mosques. Due to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Muslims feel fully protected," he said.

Ashoka termed the recent stone-pelting incident a pre-planned act and accused the State Intelligence Department of failure.

He said the police should have been on high alert to prevent the violence.

Sail sent to 2-day ED custody, allowed sleep apnea machine

BENGALURU, DHNS: A special court for MPs/MLAs on Wednesday remanded Congress MLA Satish Sail in two days' police custody in a case registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The court directed the ED officials to provide him with medical facilities, including a sleep apnea machine.

The ED arrested Sail late on Tuesday night in a money laundering case linked to illegal mining and export of iron ore. The Karwar legislator's counsel submitted before the special court that he has been suffering from a liver ailment and sought interim bail.

On August 13 and 14, the ED searched various locations in Karwar, Goa, Mumbai and Delhi as part of an ongoing investigation against Sail, Ashapura Minechem Ltd, Shree Lal Mahal Ltd, Swastik Steels (Hosapete) Pvt Ltd, ILC Industries Ltd and Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Minerals Ltd.

Sail was convicted by the special court for MPs and MLAs, Bengaluru, in September 2024 for illegal export of iron ore. The ED began the investigation on the basis of this conviction.

Khader calls on Horatti, presiding officers of Houses resolve 'issues'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Assembly Speaker U T Khader and Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti reconciled on Wednesday, after a letter correspondence between them that started with Horatti taking exception to 'coordination' issues.

In his letter to Khader on September 8, Horatti had accused him of taking "unilateral" decisions without consulting or informing him.

In his reply on September 9, Khader had provided clarifications and welcomed Horatti's letter positively. On Wednesday, Khader called on Horatti at the latter's residence and had a chat with him.

The chairman later told *DH*: "There was some communication gap. Now, everything has been resolved. I only called up Khader and asked him to come over. We have discussed and resolved all issues".

The duo later addressed a press conference, where they spoke about the three-day 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference, which begins here on Thursday.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will conduct the CPA's executive committee meeting at 3.30 pm. He will inaugurate the conference at 5 pm on the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha.

On this occasion, former speakers of the state Assembly, former chairpersons of the Council and former secretaries will be felicitated. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will release "my stamp".

The conference will take place at the Taj West End hotel on September 12 and 13.

Vice President-elect C P Radhakrishnan is expected to take oath on September 12. After that, he will be invited, and he can participate on September 13.

"Speakers from 31 state Assemblies and chairpersons from states that have legislative councils and the secretaries will participate," Khader said.

BJP supports stir by factions of 'touchable' Dalits

BENGALURU, DHNS: Some sections of the Banjara, Bhovi, Korma and Korcha communities ('touchable Dalits') held a protest here on Wednesday, against the government's decision on internal reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs).

They urged the government to reject the Nagamohan Das Commission report.

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra, former Kudachi MLA P Rajeev and other BJP leaders participated in the protest at Freedom Park.

However, Congress leaders from the 'touchable' communities did not participate in the protest and called the BJP's action "politically motivated".

The protestors slammed the government for its 6-6-5 formula, which includes the 'touchable' Dalits in the same group as 59 'most backward' communities. They demanded that the words 'touchable' and 'untouchable' be removed from the panel report.

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Modi, Meloni hold talks on bilateral ties

Call for early end to Russia-Ukraine conflict

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni. PTI FILE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart in Italy, Giorgia Meloni, on Wednesday stressed the need for an early end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Meloni was the fourth European leader with whom Modi had phone calls after his return from Tianjin in northern China, where he met Russian President Vladimir Putin on September 1 on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit.

He earlier had phone conversations with European Union leaders Ursula von der Leyen and Antonio Costa, besides two with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Modi and Meloni reviewed and positively assessed the developments in bilateral strategic partnership across sectors such as investment, defence, security, space, science & technology, education, people-to-people ties and counterterrorism.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards further deepening of the Partnership, in line with the Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-29, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

"They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. They agreed on the need for an early and peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine," said the MEA.

Modi reiterated India's full support for efforts to stop the conflict.

Meloni reiterated Italy's strong support for the conclusion of a mutually beneficial India-EU Free Trade Agreement at the earliest and for the success of the AI Impact Summit, to be hosted by India in 2026.

The leaders also agreed on taking steps to promote connectivity under the India-Middle East-Europe-Economic-Corridor (IMEEEC) initiative, according to the MEA.

The IMEEEC initiative envisages a vast road, railroad and shipping networks among Saudi Arabia, India, the US and Europe.

The two leaders shared their commitment to support all international efforts to foster a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine for a resumption of negotiations to reach a just and lasting peace, according to a press release issued by the office of the president of Italy.

Oppn probes cross-voting, NDA celebrates surprise gains

I.N.D.I.A bloc downplays setback, says bigger issues deserve attention

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Chief Election Commisioner Gyanesh Kumar with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi sign the certification of the election of CP Radhakrishnan as the fifteenth Vice President of India. PTI

The search for cross-voters in the vice presidential election has begun within the Opposition camp, even as it sought to downplay the setback, saying that larger numbers, like the Prime Minister not answering in Parliament for 4,116 days, matter more than 10 or 15 MPs voting across lines.

Opposition candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy bagged just 300 votes out of its estimated strength of 324, while NDA nominee CP Radhakrishnan garnered 452 votes, 13 more than the NDA's projected tally. Fifteen votes were rendered invalid, with claims that a few were deliberately done.

The NDA appeared to revel in the discomfort within the I.N.D.I.A bloc, with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju thanking "some" Opposition MPs for voting with "conscience for the NDA candidate". Shiv Sena Lok Sabha leader Shrikant Shinde also offered a "special word of thanks to the friends" across the aisle.

An initial assessment suggests that MPs from the DMK, Trinamool Congress, the Left parties — CPM, CPI and CPI(ML)L — Muslim League and RJD, among others, voted in favour of Justice Reddy.

However, sources said there are doubts that three-four AAP leaders, three from Shiv Sena (UBT), two MPs of Samajwadi Party, two of the NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), one or two of the JMM and one from the Congress either cross-voted or got their votes invalid.

Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha floor leader Derek O'Brien said, "The US has imposed tariff 14 days ago, violence erupted in Manipur 861 days ago, JP Nadda has spent 966 days as BJP president beyond his tenure, MNREGA funds has not been transferred to West Bengal for the past 1,281 days, the Lok Sabha does not have a deputy speaker for 2,277 days and the Prime Minister has not answered a question in Parliament for 4,116 days."

"These are the more important questions that need to be discussed than discussing 10 or 15 MPs voting here and there," he said.

Congress Lok Sabha Whip Manickam Tagore questioned why Rijiju was celebrating 'conscience votes' from Opposition MPs, and why Sena's Shrikant Shinde was thanking I.N.D.I.A bloc members for backing the NDA if there was no 'vote chori' in the vice president election.

"Is this really about conscience votes? Or is it CBI/ED pressure and horse trading being justified as conscience," he asked.

India in active dialogue with US for free trade pact: Minister

NEW DELHI, PTI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that India is in 'active dialogue' with the United States for a free trade agreement.

The minister said that negotiations are going on with the European Union as well in the national capital for concluding a trade agreement. Besides, he added, India is also in talks with New Zealand for a trade pact.

"We are in active dialogue with the USA and New Zealand," Goyal said at an event.

The minister said that India has already concluded trade pacts with Mauritius, the EFTA bloc, the UK, the UAE and Australia.

Further, the minister said, "We will soon finalise the second tranche of trade agreement with Australia".

India and Australia have already implemented an interim trade agreement in 2022 and are now negotiating to widen its scope into a comprehensive trade pact.

Congress wants equitable seat-sharing deal with allies for Bihar polls

NEW DELHI, DHNS

With the Bihar Assembly elections around the corner, Congress has made it clear to its Mahagathbandhan allies that it is not averse to settling for a lesser number of seats but is unwilling to be a dumping ground for seats that are unlikely to be won.

As the party plans to leverage Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', Congress acknowledges that new parties are joining the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance), and it cannot afford to be rigid about the seats it fought for five years ago.

Congress believes that all existing partners must share the burden while ensuring an equitable distribution of seats. However, the party has warned its partners that it should not be made to take on a disproportionate share of un-winnable seats for the coalition.

"All parties will have to give up some seats. Some are winnable, and others are not. One should not only get seats that cannot be won. One should also get winning seats. There must be a balance," said Congress' Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru on Wednesday.

"We want a balanced approach to seat sharing. We are proceeding with a positive outlook," he added.

Allavaru's assertion follows Congress' underwhelming performance in the 2020 election, where it won just 19 out of the 70 seats it contested. A section of the party had claimed that it was burdened with seats that alliance partners had not won for several decades.

The demand within Congress is that the party should focus on securing winnable seats rather than merely negotiating the number of seats. Sources suggest that Congress is likely to settle for 57-60 seats, even as state leaders explore various combinations.

However, Allavaru's proposal to reduce the number of seats held by existing partners to accommodate new members may not sit well with the CPI (Marxist–Leninist) Liberation, which has demanded 40 seats.

At an informal meeting of the Bihar Screening Committee, Allavaru said the timeline for deliberations had been finalised. Block and District Committees should propose names by this weekend, while a meeting of the state Election Committee will be held in Patna on 16th September. Official deliberations by the Screening Committee will commence on 19th September.

Sources said that during a meeting of Bihar leaders with central leadership on Tuesday, state leaders were advised to build on the momentum gained from the 'yatra'. They were urged not to rest on the laurels of the yatra but instead link the campaign around 'vote chori' with other pressing issues facing the people.

Concluding the 'yatra' in Patna on September 1, Rahul stated that 'vote chori' would rob people of their rights, reservations, jobs, education, democracy and the future of youth.

Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Ram explained, "The 'vote chori' issue is linked to denying access to ration, pensions, MNREGA payments, and other essential services."

Rs 7,500-cr projects approved

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the construction of a 4-lane Mokama-Munger section of the Buxar-Bhagalpur high-speed corridor in Bihar with a total cost of Rs 4,447.38 crore.

The project will be completed in the next three years. The section passes through or provides connectivity to important regional cities such as Mokama, Barahiya, Lakhisarai, Jamalpur, Munger, and connects to Bhagalpur.

It also also approved the doubling of the 177-km Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat single railway line section in Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal at Rs 3,169 crore.

Congress fighting to save Constitution: Rahul Gandhi

LUCKNOW, DHNS: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said his party was fighting to save the Constitution, and reiterated his allegations that elections were being "stolen".

"At first, we guessed that there was something wrong with the election results. However, we got black-and-white evidence of 'vote chori' after seeing the results of the Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly polls," Rahul told party workers at Harchandpur in his Lok Sabha constituency of Rae Bareli, where he arrived on Wednesday for a two-day visit.

Earlier, Congress workers raised slogans like "Vote chor, gaddi chod (vote thieves, abdicate seats)" when Rahul's cavalcade reached Bachrawan in the constituency.

The Congress leader later addressed a meeting of the "Prajapati" community (an OBC grouping), during which he thanked its members for supporting him in the Lok Sabha polls.

EXPERIMENTAL STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

For the convenience of commuters, following trains will provide stoppage at the stations mentioned against them over Asansol and Malda Division on an experimental basis as per timings mentioned below:

Train No. & Name	Station	Time		Stoppage (w.e.f)
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1. 12253 SMVT Bengaluru-Bhagalpur Anga Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 13.09.2025]	Sultanganj	08.04	08.06	15.09.2025
2. 12254 Bhagalpur-SMVT Bengaluru Anga Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 17.09.2025]	Sultanganj	14.08	14.10	17.09.2025
3. 15619 Gaya-Kamakhya Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Kahalgaon	19.08	19.10	16.09.2025
4. 15620 Kamakhya-Gaya Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Kahalgaon	23.07	23.09	15.09.2025
5. 13019 Howrah-Kathgodam Bagh Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Simultala	03.09	03.11	16.09.2025
6. 13020 Kathgodam-Howrah Bagh Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Simultala	02.56	02.58	16.09.2025
7. 14003 Malda Town-New Delhi Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Dharhara	13.58	14.00	16.09.2025
8. 14004 New Delhi-Malda Town Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Dharhara	16.43	16.45	15.09.2025
9. 15097 Bhagalpur-Jammu Tavi Amarnath Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 11.09.2025]	Dharhara	01.10	01.12	12.09.2025
10. 15098 Jammu Tavi-Bhagalpur Amarnath Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Dharhara	07.44	07.46	18.09.2025
11. 12253 SMVT Bengaluru-Bhagalpur Anga Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 13.09.2025]	Dharhara	07.20	07.22	15.09.2025
12. 12254 Bhagalpur-SMVT Bengaluru Anga Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 17.09.2025]	Dharhara	14.58	15.00	17.09.2025
13. 15625 Deoghar-Agartala Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Katoriya	20.18	20.20	15.09.2025
14. 15626 Agartala-Deoghar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 13.09.2025]	Katoriya	04.40	04.42	15.09.2025
15. 13155 Kolkata-Sitamarhi Mithilanchal Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Simultala	03.01	03.03	15.09.2025
16. 13156 Sitamarhi-Kolkata Mithilanchal Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Simultala	19.41	19.43	15.09.2025
17. 15233 Kolkata-Darbhanga Maithili Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Simultala	16.07	16.09	15.09.2025
18. 15234 Darbhanga-Kolkata Maithili Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Simultala	20.35	20.37	14.09.2025
19. 13429 Malda Town-Anand Vihar (T) Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 12.09.2025]	Kahalgaon	12.04	12.06	12.09.2025
20. 13430 Anand Vihar (T)-Malda Town Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 13.09.2025]	Kahalgaon	19.08	19.10	14.09.2025
21. 15734 Bathinda-Balurghat Farakka Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 13.09.2025]	Shivnarayanpur	06.18	06.20	15.09.2025
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24. 15744 Bathinda-Balurghat Farakka Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Shivnarayanpur	06.18	06.20	16.09.2025
25. 15733 Balurghat-Bathinda Farakka Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Ghogha	22.40	22.42	15.09.2025
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29. 15620 Kamakhya-Gaya Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Abhaipur	01.16	01.18	16.09.2025
30. 12349 Godda-New Delhi Humsafar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Dhauni	16.24	16.26	15.09.2025
31. 18604 Godda-Ranchi Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Dhauni	16.24	16.26	14.09.2025
32. 18186 Godda-Tatanagar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Dhauni	16.24	16.26	16.09.2025
33. 12350 New Delhi-Godda Humsafar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Dhauni	19.38	19.40	17.09.2025
34. 18603 Ranchi-Godda Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Dhauni	03.27	03.29	17.09.2025
35. 18185 Tatanagar-Godda Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Dhauni	03.27	03.29	16.09.2025
36. 15658 Kamakhya-Delhi Brahmaputra Mail [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Pirpainti	06.59	07.01	15.09.2025
37. 15657 Delhi-Kamakhya Brahmaputra Mail [w.e.f. (JCO) 14.09.2025]	Pirpainti	20.20	20.22	15.09.2025
38. 13403 Ranchi-Bhagalpur Vananchal Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 15.09.2025]	Shivnarayanpur	06.55	06.57	16.09.2025
39. 13404 Bhagalpur-Ranchi Vananchal Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 16.09.2025]	Shivnarayanpur	19.44	19.46	16.09.2025

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager
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Kerehalli under preventive arrest

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru police on Wednesday placed Hindutva activist Puneeth Kerehalli under preventive arrest, stating that he had refused to desist from criminal, communal and anti-social activities. A police statement said Kerehalli had been accused in 14 serious cases and had persistently engaged in criminal activities.

OUTREACH ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, BENGALURU

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders are invited under a Two-Bid System (Technical & Financial) from eligible suppliers for the **supply of 11600 grey colour cotton bags for collection & transport of cotton– 120cm (L)x90cm (W).** For detailed tender notification, eligibility criteria, and submission guidelines, please visit: **www.outreachindia.org**

Last date for submission: **26.09.2025**

Executive Director
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

No-12/2025-26 Dated: 09-09-2025.

Tender is invited through KPP portal by the Executive Engineer, Kabini Canal Division, Nanjangud on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bengaluru from Eligible Registered contractors for 26 number of Construction/ Improvement of Canal allied works like Lining, Po's, controlling arrangement works, Service road, protective walls, Bridges..etc and Improvements to Atchkat road works amounting from 60.00 Lakhs to 500.00 lakhs to take up these works on Item rate contract basis. Out of 26 works 2 works reserved for SC, 1 work reserved for ST, 1 work reserved for Cat-IIA and 22 works for other category contractors. The last date for Tender quarries/clarification is **15-09-2025 till 5:00pm,** Last date for online submission of tender with EMD is **18-09-2025 till 5:30 pm,** Date of opening of technical bids is **20-09-2025 at 11:30 am** and Date of opening of Financial bids is **25-09-2025 at 11:30 am.** For further details, contact the above said office during office hours and through KPP-portal web site **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL KC Division, Nanjangud.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer RDW & S Division Raichur invites tenders from eligible tenderers Registered under e-procurement civil contractors in Panchayath Engineering Department, for Providing water supply scheme to below works, as per KW-2, 3 & 4 Standard Bid Document Under JJM 2021-22 GOI & GOK Fund (90%) & Community Contribution (10%) The tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table in GOK e- Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.

1) Notification Date:09-09-2025 2)Download of tender schedule documents online: 09-09-2025 3) Last date for receiving of filled tender documents:20-09-2025 at 5:30 PM 4) Opening of Technical bid: 21-09-2025 at 5:30 PM 5)Opening of Financial bid: 22-09-2025 at 5:30 PM

Indent Nos.:-Deodurga:9571, 9569, 9578

More details can be had from the Office of the under signed and also through our website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ by clicking the List of Tenders which will be link all Dept. works list.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S. Divn, Raichur.

Trade talks on course, say Trump and Modi

India-US talks, From Page 1

"I am also looking forward to speaking with President Trump. We will work together to secure a brighter, more prosperous future for both our people," Modi posted.

This was the second exchange of positive vibes between the two leaders after the bilateral relations came under stress after the US last month hit India with a 50% tariff, including a 25% for buying oil from Russia.

'Productive meeting'

The latest social media display of bonhomie came a day after New Delhi's envoy to Washington had "a productive meeting" with the US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Allison M Hooker.

During the meeting, both sides had reaffirmed commitment to the "forward-looking" bilateral ties

Trump's aide Navarro, however, continued his tirade, although some of his comments against India were debunked by the X.

"India's keyboard minions are hijacking X's Community Notes to bury the facts. They're furious about losing unfettered access to US markets – even as India, the Maharaja of Tariffs, keeps some of the world's highest trade barriers," he wrote on X early on Wednesday.

"The US doesn't need unfair trade with India. But India desperately needs access to US markets and schools and intends to continue taking US jobs."

Whitaker alleged that Moscow's military operations in Ukraine were being funded through Russian oil sales to countries including India, China and Brazil.

Caste census ...

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"If there's a shortage of enumerators in any district, we're proposing that teachers from other districts can be roped in and they'll be compensated," Naik said.

In the run-up to the survey, the Commission is deploying Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and student volunteers to create awareness among citizens, Naik said.

Aadhaar necessary

Naik said the Commission has decided to make Aadhaar "absolutely necessary" for the survey. Making Aadhaar a must for the survey was a demand made by various quarters, including the likes of Chief Minister's Economic Adviser Basavaraj Rayareddi.

PM Modi condemns Israel violating Qatar sovereignty

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed "deep concerns" a day after Israel struck the political office of Hamas in Qatar.

Modi had a phone call with Amir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, on Wednesday. He condemned the violation of Qatar's sovereignty, in a rare criticism of an action by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government in Israel. He called for the resolution of all issues through dialogue and diplomacy.

At least five representatives of Hamas were killed when Israel carried out an airstrike on the political office of the Sunni Islamist Palestinian nationalist militia in a residential compound in Doha on Tuesday.

Hamas claimed its negotiators were in Doha to discuss the latest US proposal for a ceasefire between itself and the Israeli Defence Force in the Gaza Strip. The negotiators, however, survived the attack, it said.

Hamas has been hosting a political office in Doha since 2012.

Qatar, an ally of the United States, condemned the attack carried out by Israel, calling it a "flagrant violation of international law".

Postpartum psychosis: UP woman puts newborn in fridge

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A woman suffering from a rare mental disorder allegedly put her 15-day-old boy in a refrigerator before retiring to bed in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad town.

According to local reports, the infant was rescued after his grandmother heard his feeble cries and took him out. The baby was rushed to a hospital, where his condition was determined to be stable.

Reports said the woman, on being asked by family members, said she had put the baby in the refrigerator as he wouldn't stop crying, and therefore she was unable to sleep.

Some in her family initially thought that she might be under the influence of an evil spirit, and hence took her to an exorcist.

However, better sense prevailed, and she was finally taken to a psychiatrist, who determined that she suffered from postpartum psychosis (PPP) — a serious and rare mental disorder that occurs after childbirth.

It is characterised by a sudden onset of psychotic symptoms like hallucinations, delusions, and confusion, the doctor said.

Those suffering from the disorder could harm themselves or others, and the condition requires immediate medical attention.

Reports said the woman was now undergoing treatment with the psychiatrist.

Ch'garh: Naxal with Rs 8 lakh bounty killed

KANKER, PTI: A Naxal carrying a reward of Rs 8 lakh on his head was killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, a police official said on Wednesday.

The encounter took place on Tuesday on a forested hill near Gedabeda village when a joint team of security forces was out on an anti-Naxal operation.

We are proud of our Constitution, says SC; cites Nepal unrest

Highlights India's stability & solid democratic set-up

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Wednesday praised the Indian Constitution while referring to the ongoing violent protests in Nepal, during the hearing on the Presidential Reference regarding timelines for clearing bills passed by state legislatures.

A five-judge Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai cited the anti-corruption agitation in Nepal, which has reportedly claimed 22 lives so far.

"We are proud of our Constitution... Look at what is happening in our neighbouring country...," CJI Gavai said.

Justice Vikram Nath, also a part of the bench, referred to Bangladesh to indicate tensions prevailing in the neighbouring country and last year's violent agitation.

The remarks about Nepal were made to highlight the stability of India's constitutional framework and the solid democratic set-up.

On the ninth day of hearings, the SC observed that the nation has continued to function under the Constitution and democracy for the past 75 years, regardless of whether 90% or 50% of bills have been withheld. The court indicated that it would reserve its judgment on Thursday.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Union government, argued that of the 17,000 bills assented to by governors since 1970, only 20 were withheld either by the governor or the president.

He said more than 90% bills are passed within one month. Some are passed within three months, and there is another category of bills that is passed within six months. He maintained that withholding a bill is an option, and not a governor's power.

"Only those that are 'atrociously unconstitutional' are withheld," Mehta submitted.

He argued that the governor's role is that of a guardian and protector of the Constitution, a representative of the Union of India, and someone who acts in the interest of the entire nation. Since the governor represents the President of India, Mehta said, all actions must be taken in consultation and collaboration with the Council of Ministers.

Mehta added that consultations and meetings between the chief minister and the governor are common when it comes to matters related to bills.

"This is how the Constitution works, and has worked. Now we are raising a false alarm that something needs to be done," he said.

False alarm

The bench, however, questioned Mehta's claim that the Opposition was raising a false alarm, pointing out that several bills had been pending with governors for up to four years.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said that in West Bengal, some bills had been pending for more than three or four years. "All this is happening after 2014, not before that," Sibal claimed.

Senior advocate P Wilson, appearing for the party, contended that the court cannot act as a layer between the governor and the process of a bill becoming law. He cited the April 8, 2025 judgment in State of Tamil Nadu vs Governor of Tamil Nadu as a response to the questions referred by the president.

'Not fair': SC after govt claims 90% bills cleared in a month since 1970

The Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that 90 per cent of the bills passed by state assemblies since 1970 have received gubernatorial assent within a month whereas assents were withheld by governors only in 20 instances of the total 17,150 bills.

A five-judge Constitution bench objected to the Centre's move, saying "it will not be fair to other side as they were not allowed to refer to any such data".

Several states step up border vigil, set up helplines

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As nationwide restrictive orders and curfew were imposed in Nepal in view of deadly protests, several states in India launched special cells to assist their residents stranded in the violence-hit country, besides stepping up vigil along the border.

Several Indian carriers cancelled their flights to and from Kathmandu, while the Delhi-Kathmandu international bus service operated by the Delhi Transport Corporation was also suspended.

The Andhra Pradesh government said around 215 Telugu people are stranded in Nepal. The state government is actively coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Civil Aviation to arrange special flights, ensuring that every stranded person is safely returned to their home district.

Gauri K, who had gone on a Kailash-Mansarovar expedition with her sister, said she was stuck along with a large number of Indians at a hotel.

As many as 112 tourists from Murbad taluka in Maharashtra's Thane district are stranded in Kathmandu and Pokhara cities. The group has appealed to the Maharashtra government to ensure their safe evacuation, BJP MLA Kisan Kathore said.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami asked officials to step up vigilance in areas bordering Nepal. Chairing a high-level meeting with officials on Tuesday night, he told them to keep an eye on the activities of anti-social elements by conducting intensive checking.

Dhami also asked them to monitor social media so that timely action can be taken on any kind of rumour, misleading information or provocative content.

Police in Uttar Pradesh are also on round-the-clock high alert in all districts bordering Nepal.

Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel said his government has reached out to the Centre for the safe return of people from the state, including tourists and students. Similarly, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta said her government is in constant touch with embassy officials for the safe return of the city's residents.

Several states have set up special cells and helplines to assist their residents stranded in Nepal.

Air India, IndiGo to operate addl flights to Kathmandu

Air India and IndiGo will operate additional flights to Kathmandu to bring back people stranded in the Nepal capital, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Wednesday.

The minister also said that airlines have been advised to keep their fares within reasonable levels.

"Due to airport closure in Nepal, many home-bound passengers were unable to return from Kathmandu.

"With the opening of the airport operation in Kathmandu, @MoCA_GoI, in coordination with Air India and IndiGo, has arranged additional flights this evening and over the next few days, alongside scheduled services resuming tomorrow," Naidu said in a post on X.

Boycott call before Modi's Manipur visit

Kuki groups welcome 'rare and historic' trip

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Amid a sceptical mood in Meitei-dominated Imphal over the Centre's role in resolving the ongoing conflict, at least six valley-based insurgent groups on Wednesday issued a "boycott call" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Manipur on September 13.

In a statement emailed to media organisations, the Co-ordination Committee (CorCom), an umbrella body of six rebel groups, announced a "total shutdown" until Modi's departure on the day of the visit.

In contrast, an influential forum of Kuki organisations welcomed the PM's scheduled visit.

The CorCom blamed the Centre for the conflict involving the Meitei and Kuki communities since May 2023. It also accused the Centre of trying to transform Manipur into a region to be dominated by "mainland Indian populations".

The Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), along with factions of United National Liberation Front (UNLF) and Revolutionary People's Front, the political wing of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), are part of the CorCom.

The forum had issued similar "boycott calls" against Modi's visit before the Assembly elections in 2022 and in 2018 and 2019.

Modi is visiting Manipur for the first time since the conflict started in May 2023. The PM did not visit the state despite repeated appeals and demands by civil society organisations and Opposition parties.

Many in the region told *DH* on Wednesday that the prime minister's visit alone is not enough, and that the Centre must offer a concrete solution to the crisis.

The PM is scheduled to attend two public meetings: first at the Peace Ground in the Kuki-dominated Churachandpur district and later near the historic Kangla Fort in Imphal.

'Rare and historic'

Welcoming Modi for his first visit since the outbreak of ethnic violence, the Kuki-Zo Council (KZC), a forum of Kuki-Zo organisations, described the visit as "rare and historic".

"This is a historic and rare occasion, as it comes nearly four decades after an Indian Prime Minister last visited our region," a KZC leader said, adding that former PM Rajiv Gandhi had visited Churachandpur in 1988, while Indira Gandhi had made a visit in 1971.

"For years, we have been voicing our demand for complete separation from Manipur, seeking a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with legislature under Article 239A of the Indian Constitution. As the leader of our great nation, we are confident that the PM will give due recognition to our voice, pain and aspirations."

'Can't dance with tears in eyes': Kuki-Zo groups on PM event

Several organisations representing the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur on Wednesday opposed a planned dance programme as part of a ceremony to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Imphal Hmar Displaced Committee claimed that the PM should interact with those affected in the ethnic violence instead of participating in the welcome ceremony.

Gangte Students Organisation in Churachandpur district also said it would welcome the PM's likely visit, but "we can't dance with tears in our eyes!"

"Our mourning is not yet over, our tears are not yet dried, our wounds are not yet healed, we cannot dance with joy," the committee said in a statement.

Instead of taking part in a grand welcome ceremony, the PM should interact with the displaced people who are lodged at relief camps, it said.

SIT on Gogoi's Pak links found startling facts: Assam CM

IMPHAL, DHNS: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing alleged Pakistan links of Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi and his family had "unearthed startling facts".

Sarma said the SIT, constituted to investigate the anti-India activities of Pakistani national Ali Tauqeer Sheikh and his associates, has submitted its report.

Without naming Gaurav or his wife Elizabeth, a British national, he added that the SIT had found the involvement of "a British national married to an Indian MP" and revealed that Pakistan's interior ministry facilitated an Assam MP's visit to the country.

The state government will study the report and place it before the Cabinet before making findings public, Sarma said.

Meanwhile, Gaurav called Sarma's charges "fabricated" and accused him of misleading the public.

As session looms, rift in Kerala Cong over suspended MLA

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The Congress in Kerala finds itself on a sticky wicket over its stance on MLA Rahul Mamkootathil, with the Assembly session set to begin on September 15.

Opposition leader VD Satheesan, who took a high moral stand while announcing Mamkootathil's suspension last month following allegations of misconduct towards women, is now facing cyberattacks, even from pro-Congress forums.

While one section of the party believes Mamkootathil should stay away from the Assembly, another faction, including some senior leaders, is backing the young MLA, citing the absence of any formal complaint against him so far.

A section within the Congress believes that Mamkootathil's presence in the Assembly could provide the ruling front MLAs an opportunity to weaken the Opposition's attack on the government over a range of issues.

However, Mamkootathil's supporters argue that several ruling front MLAs themselves face sexual assault cases, while no formal complaint has been filed against Mamkootathil so far.

Satheesan has faced both overt and covert criticism from party colleagues for attending the Onam feast hosted by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan amid the row over the police assault on a Youth Congress local leader. Former Kerala PCC president K Sudhakaran openly criticised Satheesan, despite the latter's clarification that the incident came to light only after the event.

The cyberattacks targeting Satheesan are also widely seen as fallout from his firm stance against Mamkootathil.

Even as the crime branch registered a case against MLA Mamkootathil and reached out to the women, including an actress, who had raised allegations of sexual misconduct, all of them reportedly conveyed that they did not wish to pursue legal action. This has left the police team in a dilemma.

2 Gujarati leaders united India, now 2 others dividing it: Kharge

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AHMEDABAD, DHNS

Targeting the BJP, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge invoked Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Wednesday and said that Gujarat gave two leaders who won independence, and now, two others are working "against the same freedom by dividing the people".

Mallikarjun Kharge

Kharge was addressing party workers during the inauguration of a 10-day training camp for the newly elected Gujarat Congress' district and city presidents in Junagadh.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi is also slated to participate in the camp on Friday.

The senior leader claimed that for the past 11 years, "Congress has been playing the role of a strong opposition by defending the constitution and fighting for the rights of the poor, farmers, workers, and women."

Further, the Congress president said, "Congress gave the nation its Constitution and the right to vote, but today, the BJP is weakening both of them."

"You gave us two Gujaratis who won freedom for the nation and united the whole country. Now, you have given us two more Gujaratis who are working against the same freedom and dividing people," Kharge said, in an apparent attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Rajya Sabha lawmaker further said, "Every speech of Modi ji begins with Congress and ends with Congress. In all his failures, he blames Congress because he knows that it is only Congress that can end his (Modi's) politics."

The 10-day training camp is part of the party's 'Sangathan Srujan Abhiyan', which is the second such training camp organised in Gujarat.

A cyclist passes by stranded trucks along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway following rains and landslides, at Qazigund in Anantnag district of J&K, on Wednesday. PTI

ACB seeks nod to file chargesheet in Formula E case

HYDERABAD, DHNS: The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has sought permission from both the Governor and the Vigilance Commission to file a chargesheet in its investigation into alleged irregularities in payments for the Formula E race held during the BRS regime.

The case involves former minister K T Rama Rao and senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar. Since the accused include an MLA and a senior bureaucrat, the ACB must obtain permission from the Governor and Vigilance Commission before filing the chargesheet, as per established procedures.

The ACB had secured the Governor's approval before starting the inquiry nine months ago. Sources say the ACB has uncovered evidence linking the BRS to Rs 40 crore in electoral bonds received from Formula E sponsors in a quid pro quo arrangement.

The investigation found that the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority transferred Rs 45 crore to the event sponsors, including Rs 10 crore as a conversion fee. If the Governor and Vigilance Commission grant clearance, the chargesheet will be filed in court.

POLITICAL POSSESSIONS

Crypto, cows, firearms: Ministers' diverse assets

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Jayant Chaudhary has crypto investments worth Rs 21.31 lakh, Jitan Ram Manjhi owns two cows and a calf along with a parental house that he will have to share with the heir of his deceased brother, and Nityanand Rai has 5,640 trees.

Jayant Chaudhary has declared crypto investments.

These and other interesting details are part of the latest asset declarations submitted by Union ministers to the Prime Minister's Office as of March 31 this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reported assets worth Rs 3.43 crore, including four rings he has owned for some time. Some ministers have also declared firearms such as pistols, revolvers and rifles.

An analysis of the asset declarations shows that some ministers are holding on to their vintage vehicles — Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar owns a 37-year-old scooter, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari still has his 1994-model Ambassador, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has a Bajaj Chetak, Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy has a 1995-model Maruti 800, and Minister of State Ravneet Singh Bittu has a 1997-model Maruti Esteem.

Sitharaman also has a 19-year home loan and a 10-year mortgage loan.

Minister of State for Skill Development Jayant Chaudhary has declared that he has crypto investments valued at Rs 21.31 lakh, while his wife Charu Singh has digital asset holdings worth Rs 22.41 lakh. No other minister has declared crypto investments.

Chaudhary and his wife also have art and craft works, paintings and sculptures worth Rs 2.10 crore.

Manjhi, the Minister for MSME, has declared that he has two cows, one calf and an AC, besides three vehicles.

He owns a parental house worth Rs 13.5 lakh, but the property has to be divided with the heir of his deceased brother.

Tree wealth

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai has declared ownership of 5,640 trees — including mahogany, sheesham, mango and litchi — valued at Rs 2.87 crore. Five years ago, he had reported 6,293 trees worth Rs 2.94 crore. He also owns 14 cows and 10 calves worth Rs 8.92 lakh, along with 12 buffaloes and their calves valued at Rs 8.68 lakh.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has declared a revolver and two pipe guns among his assets. Other ministers, including Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Annapurna Devi, Savitri Thakur, Nityanand Rai, SP Singh Baghel and BL Verma, have also listed firearms, including double-barrel guns.

Minister V Somanna has declared that he gifted Rs 1 lakh each to his six grandchildren.

ADR: 40 regional parties declare Rs 2,532 cr income in FY 23-24

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Forty of the 60 regional parties, which have submitted their accounts to the Election Commission, have a combined income of Rs 2,532.09 crore in 2023-24, with an analysis on Wednesday showing that Rs 1,796.02 crore of 70.93% of them coming from voluntary contributions.

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said in its report that the BRS reported the highest income at Rs 685.51 crore, followed by the Trinamool Congress at Rs 646.39 crore, the BJD at Rs 297.81 crore, the TDP at Rs 285.07 crore, and the YSR Congress at Rs 191.04 crore.

DECCAN HERALD
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A street revolt in restive Nepal

Yet another prime minister and government in South Asia has fallen to the fury of protesting people on the streets. After Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, it is Nepal's turn to face a regime change. At least 22 have died, most in police action, hundreds injured and public properties torched in violence, arson, and vandalism that raged in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and other parts of Nepal for two days before the Army took charge of the situation on September 9. The government of K P Sharma Oli brought this end upon itself with its thoughtless ban on social media. While the ban was the spark, the underlying causes reveal the seething anger and frustration of a neglected people who have had enough of Nepal's self-serving elected elite that enriched itself even as the majority slipped deeper into inequalities, deprivation, and joblessness.

In Nepal, social media serves more than entertainment. For most Nepalese, the internet is also a key source of news, livelihood pursuits, and remittances, making it a survival connection in their daily life. It was equally useful for the discontented to let off steam, which they did with stories and videos of the corruption and indulgences of politicians and their 'nepo kids'. Instead of reading these writings on the wall for the depth of the economic crisis and disparities they revealed, the Oli government sought to kill the media, messages, and messengers. This set off an eruption of discontent over corruption, government failures, and opportunistic changes of prime ministers (16 since 2008), made worse by suppression of the protests.

The leaderless uprising also leaves the Himalayan nation vulnerable to anti-democratic forces

While the elected political class has discredited itself, the situation has opened the space for mischief and sabotage of multiparty democracy by monarchist forces that may well be aided and abetted by foreign powers. These powers, both near and far, have reasons for being unhappy with Nepal where the monarchy subserved their interests. The protesting Gen Z groups have alleged infiltration by external elements. Both India and China have little to gain from turmoil, instability, and the uncertain outcome of a leaderless upheaval which can be manipulated for foisting a 'popular leadership' that is pro-monarchy and propped up by external powers. India has tightened security along its border with Nepal. It needs to deal with this regime change with diplomatic tact: discourage the return of anti-democratic forces, isolate the corrupt, help revive the economy, and keep out extra-regional interests with a proclivity for meddling in South Asia. This could be a test of New Delhi's neighbourhood policy.

New V-P, necessary course correction

CP Radhakrishnan's election as Vice-President was a foregone conclusion as the NDA, which nominated him, has a decisive majority in the electoral college. Radhakrishnan won with a thumping majority, exceeding expectations by securing votes even from the Opposition fold. The Opposition candidate, B Sudershan Reddy, polled 15 votes short of the number of Opposition MPs who voted. The election also witnessed 15 invalid votes. From nomination to campaigning to voting, the ruling coalition focused on the minutest of details. The Opposition found an eminent candidate in Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge. However, the polling of Opposition votes for the NDA candidate reveals that this was not quite a united bloc – the election exposed cracks in what was pitched as a strong campaign against the NDA candidate.

Radhakrishnan, who is the 15th Vice-President of the country, is a long-time RSS loyalist from Tamil Nadu and the BJP has its political reasons for elevating him to the second highest constitutional position in the country. The party has been trying to make an entry in Tamil Nadu and hopes that the election of Radhakrishnan would provide an impetus to its campaigns in the state. Radhakrishnan has had a distinguished career as an MP and as the Governor of Jharkhand and Maharashtra. He has a reputation of keeping good relations with leaders across the political spectrum. This acceptability should help him discharge his functions as the Vice-President.

C P Radhakrishnan should aim to revive democratic discourse in the Rajya Sabha

The most important responsibility of the Vice-President is to preside over the Rajya Sabha as its Chairman. Efficient handling of the House will be a key challenge for Radhakrishnan. His predecessor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, whose resignation necessitated the election, had an abrasive and combative style which gave little space for the Opposition in the House. The government's demands on him and his own personal reasons may have prompted Dhankhar to take unreasonable positions which alienated the Opposition. The idea that the Opposition has a role which is as important as that of the treasury benches in a democracy was not honoured, leading to acrimony and discontent in parliament. The Rajya Sabha, being the House of Elders, was once a sombre platform for debate and discussion. It has lost that reputation in recent years. Radhakrishnan has an opportunity to bring sanity, fairness, and dignity to the running of the House and make it a true platform for democratic discourse. The House has had presiding officers who rose above their personal and political positions and convictions and left a stamp on parliamentary history. The new V-P will hopefully meet that challenge.

FUNDING TERROR

DeFi boom brings new national security risks

Bad actors will weaponise decentralised finance. Deep assessment and informed strategy are critical

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There has been heightened concern in recent days about the misuse of Decentralised Finance (DeFi) for illicit activities, notably by terrorist groups seeking to raise finances, build infrastructure, or expand their networks. Some of the emerging developments bring chilling messages and are a wake-up call for preventing the misuse of DeFi for terror and, broadly, a wide range of illicit activities. The developments come even as we see path-breaking developments in fintech. DeFi is on a roll, providing momentum and revolutionising financial services globally.

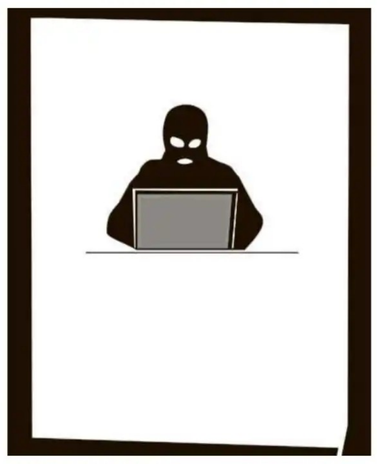
According to 'CoinLaw', a website that reports on fintech, the number of active DeFi users globally reached 14.2 million wallets by mid-2025. The DeFi market is projected to grow annually at 43%, from $30.07 billion in 2024 to $178.63 billion by 2029. India ranked at number three in DeFi value in the 2024 Global Crypto Adoption Index provided by Chainalysis, a blockchain data platform.

DeFi platforms operate on blockchains and offer financial products and services enabling saving, investing, lending, remittance, insurance contracts, etc., without the intermediation of traditional financial institutions like banking. The transactions take place through smart contracts, open protocols, and decentralised applications (D-Apps), allowing direct peer-to-peer transactions without intermediation. A digital wallet, when integrated with DeFi, serves as a gateway, bypassing the banking network.

Access to the DeFi service does not warrant the opening of an account or identity verification. A customer can register with a password and create several crypto wallets. Most wallets do not ask for an address, phone number, or email verification, and one can use different DeFi exchanges or DeFi lending and borrowing platforms. A 2023 working paper of the Bank for International Settlements notes that since DeFi aims at disintermediation, and the users interact with smart contracts, rather than through an institution, the absence of traditional financial institutions or market supervisory authorities makes DeFi vulnerable to criminal activity and investor fraud. In a 2023 paper (*Dark side of decentralised finance: A call for enhanced AML regulation based on use cases of illicit activities*), Benson *et al* have also underlined the vulnerability due to anonymity.

The risks inherent in DeFi must be evaluated against the potential advantages of DeFi, which include financial inclusion (it is available to anyone with Internet access), high liquidity, transparency (transactions recorded on a distributed ledger), lower costs of transactions, interoperability with other applications, and no requirement for permission from a central authority. There are no free lunches. Vulnerability to criminal activities is striking.

The embedded risks unfold when



mechanics are decrypted. DeFi works through self-executing smart contracts, which are vulnerable to hacking by criminals and terrorists. It is governed through decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs) – the group of people who participate in its governance and decision-making by virtue of their ownership of project tokens. Such a governance structure leads to regulatory uncertainty and a lack of accountability.

The borderlessness of DeFi and the anonymity of the participants make it challenging to recover funds stolen through cyberattacks. The tracking of transactions from unverified DeFi wallets is difficult. The illicit actors can mask their tracks by using different blockchains, crypto-mixers, anonymity-enhancing tools, and by using different DeFi wallets each time. The recipient of funds does not know from whom he received the funds. It is also difficult to block user accounts that have received suspicious funds.

To understand the risks in DeFi arrangements and address the potential regulatory blind spots, several jurisdictions have made their risk assessments public. In its assessment in April 2023, the US Treasury held that a DeFi service is liable to comply with anti-money laundering and terror financing obligations as applicable to any financial institution, but acknowledged that a lack of understanding among DeFi participants could exacerbate this risk, especially in jurisdictions that do not or inadequately apply international standards to DeFi service providers.

India's assessment gaps

A January 2025 joint report by the European Banking Authority (EBA) and European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) points to significant risks of money laundering and terror financing in DeFi protocols, as the users can transact without being identified and verified. The recent National Risk Assessment of the UK (July 2025) also underlines the same factors and underscores the inherent vulnerabilities in DeFi protocols, specifically terrorist financing. A June 2025 report by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) – the international standard-setting body for anti-money laundering and countering of terror financing – indicates that jurisdictions continue to struggle with identifying entities in DeFi and applying the FATF standards.

While some usefulness of the innovative and technological features of DeFi protocols is undeniable, the risks are obvious for a jurisdiction like India, which is under constant threat of terrorism. DeFi's inclusivity benefits are no better than the 'JAM' trinity and the UPI, which have already brought financial services into the hands of the common man. The borderless nature of DeFi introduces malevolent challenges. Since banning DeFi does not seem to be an option, technology-driven, risk-based mitigation measures commensurate with the evolving DeFi ecosystem could offer a workable solution.

India's last National Risk Assessment was carried out in 2022. While a sectoral assessment focused on DeFi, on the lines of other jurisdictions, could proffer actionable inputs for future strategy, its wider dissemination would sensitise the DeFi participants to the risks to national security.

In a 2023 Mutual Evaluation Report, FATF recommended that India should broaden access to its National Risk Assessment and consider releasing a public version. Considering that the cross-border risks from DeFi are real and affect every citizen, an updated assessment of the DeFi sector would help flesh out a strategy in collaboration with the industry participants. It is time to prevent DeFi from becoming a weapon of mass destruction, as Warren Buffett famously said of the collateralised debt obligations.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Menace and marvel on Munnar roads

On the winding hill roads, elephants rule with both fury and grace

GEORGE NETTO

To say that encounters with wild elephants in Munnar and its environs are a dime a dozen is certainly no exaggeration. Indeed, it's hardly surprising that when we locals meet, the conversation often veers round to the jumbos' latest whereabouts, many having had at least one hair-raising experience with them over the years.

Returning home one sunny afternoon, our car all but ran into a monumental tusker on a blind corner. It was as startled as we were and advanced menacingly, trunk raised. My son backed away as fast as he could along the narrow road. Seeing us retreat hastily, the tusker stopped, to our great relief – but remained inexplicably rooted to that spot for the next three hours or so, stubbornly holding up vehicles on both sides. Finally, around dusk, local workers drove it away.

On another occasion driving down from Munnar to Coimbatore, a jeep packed with boisterous youngsters preceded us. Suddenly, a tusker burst out of the scrub jungle flanking the road and started chasing our car for no apparent reason. Trumpeting stridently, it doggedly pursued us for nearly a hundred metres – a truly scary sight – before we outdistanced it. We later learnt that the jeep's occupants had mischievously pelted it with stones, leaving us to face the music!

Funnily enough, some encounters have been absurdly benign. My driver and I once met a tusker on a narrow stretch of road, flanked by a deep gorge on one side and a rocky hill on the other. We waited for some time, hoping it would move on, but, for some unknown reason, it stayed put. Finally, my impatient driver inched the car forward, hoping to slip past the tusker – whereupon, quite unbelievably, like a circus-trained jumbo, it clumsily mounted the parapet bordering the road to let us pass!

In another display of 'considerateness', a formidable tusker foraging on the roadside once obligingly turned its ample posterior towards my car and allowed me to pass untroubled. Evidently, his meal mattered more than anything else.

Returning from a trout-fishing trip recently, however, an aggressive tusker confronted our jeep, an uprooted tree swinging in its trunk. It advanced perilously close as though it intended to club us with the tree. We hastily backtracked well away from it and took a circuitous detour back home.

Of course, I will never forget the heart-thumping afternoon in May 2022 when a monstrous tusker casually strolled right through the porch of our isolated colonial bungalow in a 'march-past' of sorts. Cowering in our sitting room, my alarmed wife and I had a ringside view of the behemoth as it regally sashayed past the window and across the lawn to feast on a patch of tender bamboo shoots. Never had we been so terrifyingly close to a wild elephant!

True, some wild elephant tales do seem as tall as the pachyderms themselves!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nepal stands at a crossroads

Nepal is engulfed in a storm of political and social unrest following the government's controversial decision to ban major social media platforms. The measure, intended as a clampdown on "misinformation," has instead ignited the fury of the nation's youth, who see it as a direct assault on their freedom of expression. The protests, led largely by Generation Z, have quickly spread across cities, transforming into a broader outcry against corruption, nepotism, and unemployment. The demonstrations have turned violent and the turmoil has not subsided. Protesters continue to demand systemic reforms, accountability, and a future that offers dignity and opportunity. Nepal now stands at a crossroads, where failure to heed its restless youth may plunge the country into prolonged instability.
N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

V-P election

Though the results of the V-P election were on expected lines, there are certain stark facts that cannot be missed. The BJP conducted mock drills and earmarked ministers to monitor voting and ensure a smooth transfer of votes, and accordingly, all 427 NDA votes appear to have been bagged. The strategy of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc appeared to be in disarray, leading to cross-voting of more than 13 MPs. It is shocking that 15 votes were found invalid, despite efforts to explain the not-so-complex process of voting. This is a sad reflection on the calibre of our lawmakers.
S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Work with govt

It is important for the Opposition parties to understand that it is not necessary to oppose everything that the incumbent government does. Some of the initiatives being taken by the NDA government are good, like the rationalisation of the GST structure and the conduct of Operation Sindoor. The Opposition should build consensus with the government on issues that affect the nation as a whole and are beneficial to the people.
S Kamat, Mysuru

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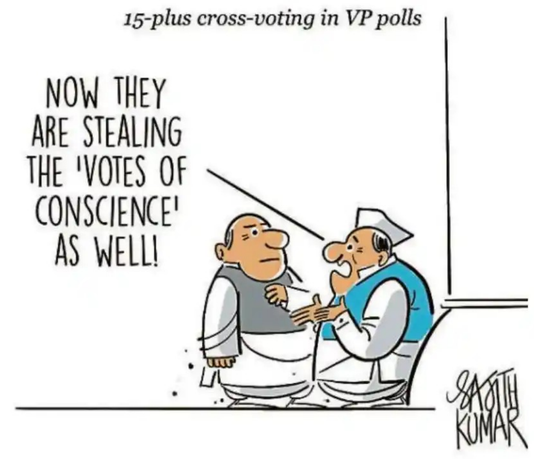
SPEAK OUT

Cracks are appearing in the I.N.D.I. Alliance... We had said earlier also that our victory margin (in the V-P elections) would be very large because the Opposition had asked to vote according to the voice of conscience, and people did just that...
Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister

How tedious is a guilty conscience.
John Webster

TO BE PRECISE

15-plus cross-voting in VP polls



IN PERSPECTIVE

Blurred borders will test GBA

Undefined boundaries are likely to create governance blind spots in the five new Bengaluru corporations

SOURABH ROY

As Bengaluru has grown into one of India's largest urban sprawls, the strain on its governance has become impossible to ignore. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was once responsible for 786 sq km and more than 12 million people. The job was too big for one body. From garbage to potholes to drains, services fell behind, and citizens often felt that the BBMP was too distant and too slow to respond.

The state has now brought in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). Instead of one BBMP, the city will now have five corporations, coordinated by the GBA. The objective is that smaller corporations will handle their areas better, while the GBA will ensure they all move in the same direction. While this is a significant shift that would assist in improving the delivery of citizen-centric services, it also creates a new risk that cannot be ignored: what happens at the boundaries of these corporations?

Earlier, with one BBMP, every ward had a single authority to turn to. Now, the city is carved into five zones. And where the lines are unclear, people may find themselves caught between two corporations or ignored by both. Hence, there is a real chance of being left out in these "blind spots".

This is not a hypothetical fear. Imagine a ward cut in half by a corporation boundary, where garbage contractors may only cover one side of the road, or a pothole at the border may remain because neither side claims it. A leaking water pipe could be left untouched as officials pass the problem back and forth. The issue here is not unwillingness. It is an ambiguity in the assignment that occurs when authority is split, which opens up gaps.

This is serious because each corporation has wide powers under the law. Section 111 of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024 makes them responsible for urban planning, land use, roads, water supply, waste management, public health, sanitation, fire services, and environmental protection. They must also run welfare programmes, improve slums, provide housing, support education and culture, reduce poverty, and provide disaster relief. If boundary wards are neglected due to confusion, residents could even miss out on healthcare, welfare schemes, or housing support.

Around the world, we have seen how poorly drawn maps can leave vulnerable communities unserved. In northern Nigeria, polio vaccination campaigns struggled for years. The problem was not unwilling health workers but the fact that many small settlements were split across administrative boundaries. Teams skipped these in-between areas, working strictly within their assigned zones. As a result, children went unvaccinated, and the virus spread.

The solution came through satellite mapping and GPS tracking, resulting in more than 3,000 new settlements being added to the maps. Teams were trained to use these maps and were monitored in real time. In one campaign, immunisation in remote settlements jumped from 43% to 82%. Once boundaries were clear, results improved as every settlement had someone responsible.

Interactive grievance redress

Bengaluru has begun taking similar steps, as there have been talks of setting up boundary towers and signboards for residents to know which corporation governs them, alongside Geographic Information System (GIS)-powered interactive tools for residents to know the limits of their corporation. These will help raise awareness, but it does not go far enough. Knowing whom to complain to is not the same as ensuring that services are actually delivered if responsibility and accountability remain unclear.

For GIS to have real value, it must provide a live and real-time feedback loop. Boundaries should not only be visible but tied to action. Garbage routes can be tracked to confirm coverage. Water and sanitation works should be logged against ward limits. Citizen complaints should be pinned to exact locations and automatically routed to the right corporation. Such instances require the GBA to act as a referee. Whenever overlaps or gaps appear between corporations, it must step in and settle the matter quickly.

Nigeria's polio story gives Bengaluru two lessons. First, unclear maps and weak coordination can block progress. Second, the right tools and systems can fix the problem. The GBA must invest early in clarity and accountability.

Clear boundaries should make governance easier because when they appear to blur, they create blind spots. And in those blind spots, the citizens pay the price. Therefore, the real test of GBA lies in whether it can prevent gaps at the margins and ensure that no area, no matter how small or remotely located, is left ungoverned.

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Counting Delhi's trees: A woody problem, a leafy affair

DATELINE New Delhi

SUMIT PANDE

What's in a tree? A trunk, a few branches, leaves, fruits, and flowers. Suppose two branches spring forth from the same set of roots; would it make for one or two trees?

In August, while lawmakers and *babus* in Delhi's Lutyens zone were busy debating the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill that proposes to remove people holding high constitutional offices for committing serious crimes, the forest department mandarins were grappling with a problem of an entirely different proportion and consequence: the right way to count trees in the national capital.

The issue arose when the department personnel fanned out to assess Delhi's green cover this summer. Reports suggest that some tree enumerators were counting a tree for every branch that emerged from the soil, even if it belonged to the same tree.

Tree census is a slightly tricky proposition in Delhi; no, not a wee bit, along the shaded boulevards and parks in the New Delhi district. Those were carefully selected and planted by Edwin Lutyens and his landscape designer, William Robert Mustoe, between 1919 and 1925. One hundred years on, the choice seems to have stood the test of time.

The tall jamun trees, a popular joint for squirrels that raid and gorge on the ripe purple plums, continue to canopy the Lutyens avenues during unrelenting summers. The crushed neem flowers lying about on pedestrian walks still emanate a sharp and nutty odour after an afternoon downpour. Or the elegant arjuns that sprinkle dried pods on acres of manicured lawns around colonial bungalows. While in Delhi, it is impossible to miss the golden shower of amaltas or the sunshine bloom of the multi-hued bougainvillaea.

For tree enumerators, it is the multiple basal shoot-producing variety, like babul and kikar, which has long posed a peculiar challenge. Each branch of these short and thorny deciduous trees that dominate vegetation in the 8,000-hectare rocky outcrop of the Aravallis can easily be mistaken for a separate tree.

On the upside, the Ridge constitutes a large part of Delhi's green cover, pegged at 371.3 sq km, or a quarter of its geographical area, by the 2023 *India State Forest FSI Report*. It also offers natural protection against the sand-laden hot loo that pummels Delhi during the summer months.

That said, the trees have to be counted. And in the right fashion. To avoid any further confusion, earlier this month, the Conservator of Forests, through a recent circular, reportedly sought to clear any doubts on what actually constitutes a tree.

A "tree", the Delhi forest officers were told, has been defined in the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994. A "tree", as per the Act, "means any woody plant whose branches spring from and are supported upon a trunk or body that is not less than five centimetres in diameter at a height of thirty centimetres from the ground level and is not less than one metre in height from the ground level."

So, a "tree" is not just any shrub or undergrowth. It takes some girth and height to be certified as a legitimate "tree". And, of course, it also entails lots of calculations and measurements.

A statute is a statute. It must be adhered to both in its letter and spirit. Any deviation — the enumerators have been told in no uncertain terms — would amount to misrepresentation of the Act.

Interestingly, just six months back, in March, the Supreme Court of India, while hearing a petition on rampant afforestation in the Ridge, had emphasised the need to increase the cover to 33%. The Dehradun-based Forest Research Institute of India (FRI) is assigned to work with the state government for the project that includes a tree census and afforestation.

FRI, in its report to the Supreme Court, felt that the definition of "tree" under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994, was "ambiguous". FRI wants to adhere to the FSI definition of a tree to exclude "non-perennial non-woody species like banana and tall shrubs or climbers." Moreover, they will only conduct a census outside protected and reserved forests.

In 1996, the Supreme Court of India dealt in some detail with trees, forests, and their protection. In its landmark decision in a case that emanated from a letter written by environmentalist Godavarman Thirumulpad expressing concern over deforestation and sandalwood smuggling, the apex court ruled, 'forest' included all areas where trees and vegetation have a dominant presence. The verdict paved the way for a stricter implementation of the Forest (Conservation) Act of 1980.

In 2023, the NDA government at the Centre brought amendments to the Act that aimed to seek an exemption in certain projects. Just in case someone takes trees for wood, the Supreme Court again stepped in to direct all states and union territories to adhere to the definition of 'forest' as laid down in the Godavarman case.

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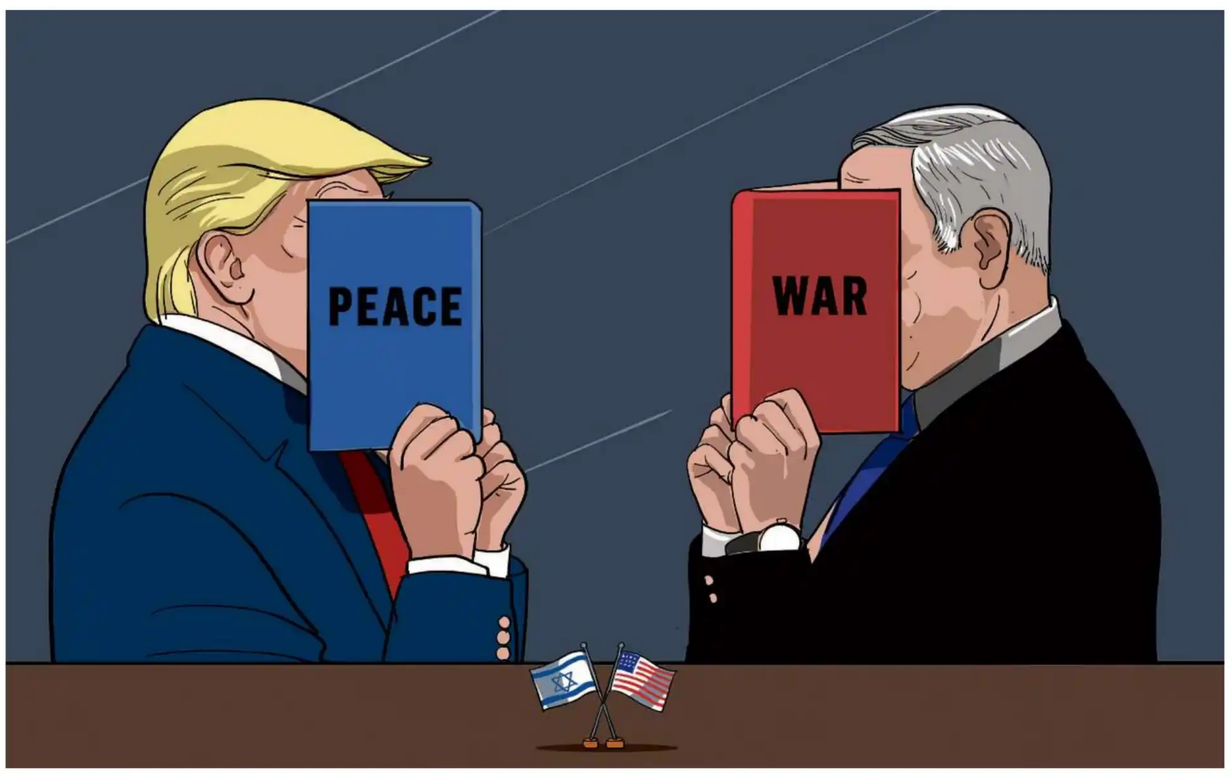
US President Donald Trump has publicly rebuked Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu over Israel's airstrike in Qatar. The incident has sparked widespread condemnation, with Qatar denouncing the attack as a flagrant violation of international law



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Israel again leaves US in the dark over military strike

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President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that he found out about Israel's airstrike in Qatar from the US military, rather than Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he often describes as both a friend and his strongest ally in the Middle East.

It was a familiar surprise. In June, Israel launched a 12-day war with Iran with minimal notice, initially drawing a rebuke from Washington until Trump decided to join in on what he saw as a winning campaign.

Netanyahu has made use of his relationship with Trump to exercise bold attacks like the one on Hamas leadership Tuesday, often using American weapons with little or no notice to Washington. And each time, he has learned that Trump and his administration will grumble about it as they did on Tuesday, but ultimately decide to let it pass unpunished.

On Tuesday afternoon, Trump emphasised that the Israelis had left the United States in the dark again. "I was very unhappy about it — very unhappy about every aspect," he said. "We've got to get the hostages back. But I was very unhappy about the way that went down."

He said he would release a full statement about how he learned about the attack on Wednesday.

In a social media post earlier in the day, he tried to distance himself from the attack, while both chastising and praising Netanyahu for carrying it out.

"This was a decision made by Prime Minister Netanyahu, it was not a decision made by me," Trump wrote. "Unilaterally bombing inside Qatar, a sovereign nation and close ally of the United States, that is working very hard and bravely taking risks with us to broker Peace, does not advance Israel or America's goals."

He added: "However, eliminating Hamas, who have profited off the misery of those living in Gaza, is a worthy goal."

Hamas said the Israeli strike had failed to kill senior officials in the group, without specifying whether they had sustained injuries. Trump said he felt "very badly about the location of the attack," in Qatar, a US ally that has been a critical mediator in peace negotiations between Israel and Hamas.

He said that the United States had tried to notify Qatar of the strikes but that it was "too late to stop the attack." Still, he said, he assured Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, the prime minister of Qatar, "that such a thing will not happen again on their soil."

The episode underscored the haphazard approach Trump has taken on the war in the Gaza Strip, one of the many conflicts around the world that he has endeavored to end. After Trump won the election, he told Netanyahu that he wanted the war in Gaza to end before he returned to the White House. But since taking office, Trump's strategy has been far less demanding, marked by missed deadlines, vague threats and contradictory statements about how Israel should achieve its goals of eliminating the threat of Hamas.

The dynamic, foreign policy experts say, has given Netanyahu largely a free hand to continue carrying out a war that has drawn global outrage, claims of genocide and a catastrophic humanitarian disaster.

"There really hasn't been a strategy that I can discern other than 'whatever Israel wants, whatever Netanyahu wants,'" said Khaled Elgindy, visiting scholar at Georgetown University's Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies.

The US government has historically walked a tightrope in its support of Israel during its conflicts in the region, Elgindy noted, especially under President Joe Biden, a self-described Zionist who had a decades-long personal relationship with Netanyahu. But even he came around to condemn "indiscriminate bombings" and the loss of "too many civilians," and at one point withheld arms as he warned Israel against an incursion into densely populated areas.

"Biden had some, mostly rhetorical, red lines, but Trump has none," Elgindy added.

The president's press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, dodged questions about whether Trump was upset with Netanyahu, or whether there would be any consequences for the strikes. Asked whether Trump would issue a directive to Israel on future strikes, Leavitt said the president believed the strike was "an opportunity for peace."

Trump said on social media that during his conversation with Netanyahu, "the Prime Minister told me that he wants to make Peace."

But the attack came as Hamas officials were meeting to discuss a ceasefire proposal backed by Trump, which he had urged them to take in a third "final warning" Sunday. And it came on a day that the Israeli military ordered the total evacuation of Gaza City in preparation for a full-scale invasion of an area where hundreds of thousands have fled to from other war-torn cities.

Some experts expressed skepticism that the United States had no prior warning about the attack, considering the country also has a military presence in Qatar.

Steven A Cook, senior fellow for Middle East and Africa Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, said he believed "the strong possibility that there was a lot more coordination here than the White House currently wants us to know," or that Israel gave the United States plausible deniability. "The Israelis also have a pattern of 'better to apologise than ask for permission,'" he said.

Hamas led the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel that killed about 1,200 people and set off the war in Gaza. The conflict has killed more than 60,000 Palestinians, including thousands of children, according to Gaza health officials. (Those figures do not distinguish between civilians and combatants.)

Trump has mostly remained focused on demanding the hostages held by Hamas be released. "I want ALL of the Hostages, and bodies of the dead, released, and this War to END, NOW!" Trump wrote in his social media post Tuesday.

But in a rare split with Netanyahu, Trump acknowledged in July that Palestinians were starving, after Netanyahu cast doubt on the reports as Israel drew global rebuke for blocking food deliveries into Gaza and causing famine in the enclave.

Last month, Trump declined to say whether he supported Israel's reoccupation of Gaza, indicating only that the United States would get more involved in getting more food delivered. "As far as the rest of it," he added, "I really can't say — that's going to be pretty much up to Israel."

He also said that he has told Netanyahu that the war must end, because of the "hunger" and "pure death," and that it would come to a "conclusive ending" in two to three weeks.

John E Herbst, a former diplomat in the region and current senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Centre, said Trump's response to the crisis was emblematic of how he has approached every turn of the war since taking office.

"Trump being idiosyncratic and never quite predictable, he reacts to the latest turn of events," Herbst said. "He's right now in a 'Bibi, do what you want' phase, which is not necessarily where he'll be tomorrow."

Qatar hosts the largest American military base in the Middle East, has bought billions of dollars worth of defence systems from the US and recently gifted a luxury Boeing jet to President Trump. Yet on Tuesday, none of that stopped Israel, a key US ally, from launching a brazen military attack on Qatari soil. It was an attempt to assassinate senior Hamas officials who had gathered to discuss a cease-fire proposal to pause the war in Gaza — a deal that was backed by Trump.

"Qatar being unable to protect its own citizens with literally the US Central Command on its territory has prompted locals to question the value of the American partnership," said Kristin Diwan, a senior resident scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, a research group. "It's a real problem for Gulf leaders. And it should worry the US as well."

The New York Times

When power speaks small

JOHN J KENNEDY

When two stories land on the same page of a newspaper (*DH*, 4 September), the juxtaposition can feel like an editorial in itself. That was the case in Karnataka recently, when reports about Congress MLA R V Deshpande and BJP MLA B P Harish appeared side by side. On paper, the two belong to rival camps, supposedly at opposite ends of the political spectrum. What connected them that day had nothing to do with ideology. It was their language directed at women—language dripping with casual disrespect and patriarchal entitlement.

Deshpande's comment to a woman journalist -- telling her not to worry about hospital services for her delivery and suggesting she could always get it done elsewhere -- was not a harmless aside. It collapsed her professional identity into the role of a childbearing body. Unsurprisingly, journalists' associations and women's groups condemned him, demanding an apology. His defence—that the remark was meant in a lighter vein—was itself revealing. It showed how lightly men in power think they can treat women's dignity.

Harish's words were even more stark. Comparing Superintendent of Police Uma Prashanth to a "pomeranian dog" at a press conference was meant to strip her of authority, reducing a senior woman officer to a caricature. The backlash was swift: an FIR, protests, and calls for accountability. Again, the outrage was not only about the insult itself but also about the mindset that emboldened him to make it in the first place.

These two incidents expose a pattern. From Odisha BJP MLA Santosh Khatua's sexist slurs against a colleague to Congress leader Randeep Surjewala reducing Hema Malini to her marital roles to Kannada actor-politician Ramya facing online rape threats for speaking her mind, the thread is familiar. Women in public life are targeted, diminished, or trivialised not by accident, but as part of a cultural script that keeps reasserting itself. The easy explanation is patriarchy. For centuries, Indian society has trained men to see women as lesser beings, valued primarily for domestic or reproductive roles. But stopping there misses the nuance. Gender theory and psychology help us read these moments more deeply.

When a politician mocks or belittles a woman, he isn't simply venting. He is performing power, rehearsing a script that tells women they don't belong in positions of authority. Pierre Bourdieu called this "symbolic violence"—the use of words to normalise inequality so that humiliation appears natural, even humorous. In both Deshpande's and Harish's cases, the laughter, the casual dismissal, and the defensive backtracking were part of this performance.

Psychology adds another layer. Studies show that when men encounter women in roles traditionally occupied by men -- journalists grilling leaders, police officers commanding respect -- they often experience a "threat to masculinity". Verbal aggression becomes a way of deflecting that discomfort, reducing women to stereotypes, or hurling insults that symbolically erase their authority. This is not always conscious jealousy but insecurity, masked as humour, bravado, or anger. There is also the "backlash effect": competent and assertive women are judged more harshly than men, often punished socially with labels like "unfeminine" or "arrogant". In this light, Deshpande and Harish's words were not slips of the tongue. They were punishments – strategies to remind women of their "place" when they dared to step into male-dominated spaces.

At a deeper level, the psychology is all too familiar: entitlement, insecurity, and the reflex of patriarchy fused. For many men in power, humiliation serves as both shield and weapon, protecting fragile egos while reasserting a threatened hierarchy. The fallout, however, is wider. When authority figures belittle women publicly, it signals to all women the risks of speaking up or stepping forward, eroding the dignity of entire professions and deterring younger women from aspiring to such spaces.

The good news is that such incidents no longer pass unnoticed. Journalists' unions, women's associations, civil society groups, and ordinary citizens are quick to protest. FIRs are filed, women's commissions intervene, and public apologies are demanded. The outrage itself marks a shift in norms. Where once such remarks might have been brushed aside as jokes, today they spark debate and censure. That is progress.

But outrage alone cannot break the cycle. Institutional responses must be stronger. Political parties need clear codes of conduct prohibiting sexist speech, backed by real penalties. Gender sensitivity training, effective complaint mechanisms, and transparent reporting of action against offenders are necessities, not luxuries. Immunities that shield elected representatives from accountability should be re-examined, and digital platforms must be part of the solution, given how much abuse circulates online.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975

Garcians evicted from island

Washington, Sept. 10
Senator Edward M. Kennedy today urged Congress to re-open the issue of American bases at Diego Garcia because of reports that the US co-operated with Britain in evicting 1,400 people to make way for the military facilities. "I believe that the seriousness of the charges made in the press yesterday warrant a reopening of the entire issue of the American bases at Diego Garcia," he said in a statement. "I am deeply disturbed by the reports that the US, in co-operation with the British Government, evicted over 1,200 people."

25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000

Statute review unconstitutional: Kanshi Ram

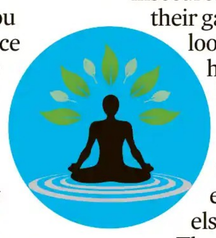
Bangalore, Sept 10
BSP National President Kanshi Ram today termed the review of the Statute as "unconstitutional" because the NDA government at the Centre had not taken necessary permission from the Parliament. Speaking at the concluding session of the third national seminar on "Socio-Economic Inequalities, the Indian Constitution and Empowerment of Bahujan Samaj", Mr Kanshi Ram said the NDA government had still not announced the terms of reference with respect to the Constitution review.

OASIS | ACHARYA PRASHANT

Why confidence is just fear in disguise

If you are alone in a room, speaking to the mirror, you never ask for confidence. But the moment you stand before an audience, the question arises: "How do I become confident?" Strange, isn't it? The act of speaking hasn't changed, the words, the voice, even the body remain the same. What has entered the room are others. It is their eyes, their judgment, their opinion that unsettle you.

You are not afraid of speaking. You are afraid of people. And this fear goes far beyond public speaking: it runs through every corner of life. What you call a lack of confidence is simply the fear of how others see you. The right question, then, is not "How do I gain confidence?" but "Why do I fear others at all?"



The answer lies in how you know yourself. In the absence of self-knowledge, you have borrowed your sense of self from the world. Your name, language, beliefs, religion: everything has come from others. To know who you are, you look into their eyes. If they praise you, you feel worthy. If they reject you, you feel worthless.

This is not the real self; it is just a fragile image stitched together from the approval of others. And what depends on others must always remain insecure. When your identity rests in their gaze, just one disapproving look can unsteady you, just one harsh word can shatter you. You live constantly exposed, anxious, never at home with yourself. Even your happiness feels borrowed, for it exists only as long as someone else agrees with it.

That is why you keep searching for confidence. Not to dissolve fear, but to cover it up. Confidence becomes a pill you take to suppress unease. But confidence is not courage; it is merely fear hiding under a mask. Courage asks you to look directly at your fear and go beyond it. Confidence merely teaches you to pretend you are not afraid.

The real solution is freedom from the very need for confidence. That freedom dawns when you know yourself, not as an image in someone else's eyes, but directly, as you are. Then fear has no ground to stand on.

Fearlessness is not noisy. It is not a performance. It is a silent freedom. It arises when you no longer wait for the world to tell you who you are, but begin to live from your own centre of self-knowledge.

Add WHO-approved diabetes drug to essential medicine list: Activists

It helps those with type-2 diabetes, especially with heart & kidney issues: WHO

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Indian public health campaigners have urged the Union government to modify its essential-medicine list to incorporate a popular new medicine used to treat diabetes and obesity, days after the World Health Organisation (WHO) included it in the new model list of essential medicines.

The medicine in question is semaglutide — two popular brand names are Ozempic and Wegovy — and other, similar molecules that belong to a new class of anti-diabetic drug called GLP-1 receptor agonists.

The WHO argued that the medicine could help people with type-2 diabetes — especially those who also have heart or kidney disease — by improving blood-sugar control, reducing the risk of heart and kidney complications, supporting weight loss, and even lowering the risk of early death.

"We appeal to the government to urgently make GLP-1 receptor agonists, particularly in pre-filled syringe formulations, available to diabetes patients who need them the most," said Deeksha Dev, a campaigner working at the Alignia Wellness Foundation.

Drugs are too costly

Being patented molecules, most of these drugs are too costly for the majority of Indians. However, public-health campaigners said substantial cost reductions would be possible with the entry of generic semaglutides, expected from March 2026.

"Analyses show semaglutide could be manufactured for under $6 a month if generic competition entered the supply chain. Instead, prices now hover at $100–300 per pen, which may last for a month if the dose is one injection every week," Leena Menghaney, a lawyer specialising in public health and intellectual property told *DH*.

"We expect the price to fall substantially because of the competition among Indian companies. Seven-eight pharmaceutical companies are waiting for the patent protection to get over," she added.

The WHO said it would monitor developments, support fair pricing strategies, and help countries improve access to these life-changing treatments.

"High prices of medicines like semaglutide and tirzepatide are limiting access to these medicines and prioritising those who would benefit most, encouraging generic competition to drive down prices and making these treatments available in primary care – especially in underserved areas – are key to expanding access and improving health outcomes," the UN health body said last week after modifying the essential medicine list.

According to an Indian Council of Medical Research study, the country has over 10 crore diabetes patients, making it the diabetes capital of the world. In addition, nearly 2.5 crore people are in the pre-diabetic stage.

What is GLP-1 Receptor Agonists?

A GLP-1 receptor agonist is a non-insulin medicine that acts like a glucagon-like peptide-1 — a hormone released from the intestine. It helps the body release more insulin at mealtime to keep blood glucose in balance.

It is used as therapy for adults with type-2 diabetes mellitus with established cardiovascular disease or chronic kidney disease and obesity.

These drugs enhance insulin production, slow digestion, and reduce appetite, which leads to better blood sugar control and weight loss.

They also provide cardiovascular and kidney benefits.

'Mohan Bhagwat ji's tenure is the most transformative period in 100-year journey of RSS'

NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat. PTI

Today is September 11. This day evokes two contrasting memories. The first dates back to 1893, when Swami Vivekananda delivered his Chicago address and introduced the timeless spiritual heritage of India. The second is the gruesome 9/11 attacks, when this very principle came under attack.

Today is also the birthday of a personality who, inspired by the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, has dedicated his life to strengthening the spirit of harmony and fraternity. He is referred to as Param Pujya Sarsanghchalak. I am referring to Shri Mohan Bhagwat ji, whose 75th birthday is falling in the same year when the RSS marks its centenary. I would like to convey my best wishes to him and pray for his long and healthy life.

My association with Mohan ji's family has been very deep. I have had the good fortune of working closely with Mohan ji's father, the late Madhukarrao Bhagwat ji. He played a pivotal role in strengthening the RSS across Gujarat. Such was Madhukarrao ji's passion towards nation-building that it groomed his son, Mohanrao, to work towards India's regeneration.

It is as if Parasmani Madhukarrao prepared another Parasmani in Mohanrao.

Mohan ji became a pracharak in the mid-1970s. Bhagwat ji held various positions in the RSS and performed his duties with dexterity. His years as the head of the Akhil Bharatiya Sharirik Pramukh during the 1990s are still fondly remembered by many Swayamsevaks. He became Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh at the turn of the 20th century. In 2000, as Sarkaryawah, he handled the most complex of situations with ease and precision. From 2009, he continues to work with great vigour as Sarsanghchalak.

If I can think of two attributes Mohan ji has held close to his heart and imbibed in his work style, they are continuity and adaptation. His tenure will be considered the most transformative period in the 100-year journey of the RSS. From the change in uniform to the modifications in the shiksha vargs (training camps), several significant changes occurred under his leadership.

Another admirable quality of Mohan ji's personality is his soft-spoken nature.

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2020 Delhi riots case: Umar Khalid moves top court as HC rejects bail

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Former JNU student Umar Khalid on Wednesday approached the Supreme Court with a special leave petition challenging the Delhi High Court's September 2 order rejecting his bail plea in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act — or the UAPA — related to the alleged conspiracy behind the February 2020 riots in the national capital.

Two others—Sharjeel Imam and another accused—earlier filed a similar plea against the rejection of their bail applications.

Khalid has been in jail since his arrest by the Delhi Police on September 14, 2020, in connection with the riots that left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

On Tuesday, the high court dismissed the bail petitions filed by Umar Khalid, Sharjeel, and others.

A division bench noted the nature of the allegations, and specifically the submission by the state, that this was not a case of regular protest or rioting, but rather a premeditated, well-orchestrated conspiracy to commit unlawful activities threatening the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India.

It noted the probative value of the evidence against the appellants Imam and Khalid, "prima facie and at this stage, cannot be branded as weak".

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

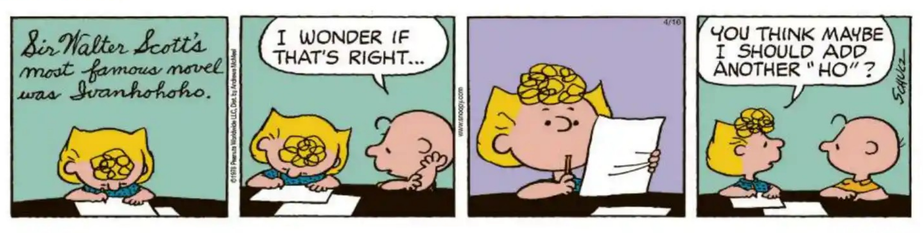
Blondie

A LOT OF MY RUGGED, MANLY CUSTOMERS ARE OPTING FOR MY SUMMER SHAVEN SPECIAL!
NOPE! I'LL NEVER PART WITH MY COWLICKS
IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, I'M OFFERING A CUE BALL COMBO AS PART OF OUR BALD BONANZA BLOWOUT!
NO! AND NO!
I REALLY DODGED A BULLET TODAY
GO TO SLEEP, HONEY!

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts



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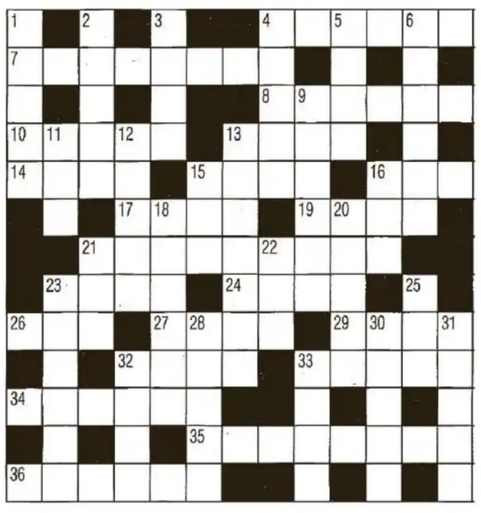

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
4 Birds have to be around to bewilder one (6)
7 Young person's fondness for veal? (4,4)
8 A flier can always get round a girl (6)
10 Increased weight in a London Park (5)
13 Fear of having a good time at the weekend? (4)
14 Drink better without being teetotal! (4)
15 Perform something bad, also good (4)
16 Chest protector! (3)
17 Cold dice, perhaps? (4)
19 Where one may have studied in quiet, once (4)
21 Maybe only a rude song (9)
23 Intent on being a crook? (4)
24 Colossal lack of coal? (4)
26 What lions may be, from a safe distance (3)
27 Nothing to write? Make a start! (4)
29 Not a very strong hint, possibly? (4)
32 Engine sound of the backup car? (4)
33 High sounding name for an animal (5)
34 Being silent about a bit of pain means very little (6)
35 Make a debut on a vessel with a special performance (4,4)
36 The official count makes sound sense to us (6)

DOWN
1 Somehow curbs the use of a brush (5)
2 A dish for selling, perhaps? (5)
3 It has a beastly monarch (4)
4 Started to appeal to the United Nations (5)
5 No villain in a cell! (4)
6 Intercede quietly to interrupt Stein (4,2)
9 They may fly off at various angles (6)
11 A girl to drive home, perhaps (3)
12 An astronomical figure (5)
13 Dishonest player? (7)
15 Foreign money raised less than honestly? (3)
16 George, for instance? (3)
18 Suitably talented to be an exciseman? (3,3)
20 Very nice stay, perhaps, at the Turk's Head (5)
21 Flushed with a bit of square dancing (3)
22 A really great time (3)
23 Live with the team, or very near to it (6)
25 In many instances, a Scottish one (3)
28 Urge to be journalists (5)
30 He gets put out when angry (3,2)
31 Grandmother as nursemaid (5)
32 Tom turns up on a ship (4)
33 Injure a hotheaded member (4)

ACROSS
4 Large wooded area (6)
7 A snake (8)
8 Objective (6)
10 Decree (5)
13 Unclothed (4)
14 List of dishes (4)
15 Tranquil (4)
16 Opposite of dry (3)
17 Housetop (4)
19 Gemstone (4)
21 Golf trousers (4,5)
23 Mail (4)
24 Decoy (4)
26 Slope downwards (3)
27 Prophet (4)
29 Heroic (4)
32 Writing tools (4)
33 Growl viciously (5)
34 Military trainees (6)
35 Undefeated (8)
36 Mild (6)

DOWN
1 Seraglio (5)
2 Hut (5)
3 Price (4)
4 Ending in death (5)
5 Uncommon (4)
6 Israeli monetary unit (6)
9 Protective suit (6)
11 Precipitation (3)
12 Ringlets (5)
13 Perplexes (7)
15 Lettuce (3)
16. Used to be (3)
18 Start, beginning (6)
20 Clean feathers (5)
21 Short explosive sound (3)
22 Associated with us (3)
23 Buccaneer (6)
25 Teacher's title (3)
28 Follow (5)
30 Spaghetti, say (5)
31 Genetic copy (5)
32 Fossil fuel (4)
33 Garden hut (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12243

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Co-us-in 7, Accident 8,Tips 10, Howdah 11, AD-vice 14, Eel 16, Rolls 17, De-er 19, Screw 21, Paced 22, B-O-X up 23, Dupe 26, Sofia 28, His 29,T-witch 30, Divers 31, Aped 32, Easterly 33, Sitter.
DOWN: 1, Co-she-d 2, Spider 3, N-ash 4, Mild-red 5, D-evil 6, Sties 8,Twe-e 9, Pal 12, V-ow 13, C-lamp 15, O-C-cur 18, End-ow 19, Sax(o-phone) 20, Rep 21, Poacher 22, Bit 23, Di-vest 24, Used 25, E-aster 26, Steel 27, First 28, Hip 30, D-ays.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Septet 7, Escalate 8, Purr 10, Coupon 11, Praise 14, Net 16, Inner 17, Rate 19, Bidet 21, Cover 22, Slain 23, Dart 26, Rodeo 28,Tar 29, Arrest 30, Ponies 31, Amid 32, Conquest 33, Exhale.
DOWN: 1, Soccer 2,Toupee 3,Tern 4, Barrier 5, Satin 6, Sever 8, Punt 9, Rot 12, Ant 13, Sewer 15, Livid 18, Abhor 19, Boa 20, Den 21, Close up 22, See 23, Danish 24, Arid 25,Tussle 26, Ranch 27, Drink 28,Tom 30, Pate.

◆SU-DO-KU-6698◆

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9	8	7	3	2	1	6	5	4
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1	9	3	8	7	6	4	2	5
2	5	8	1	4	3	7	6	9
7	4	6	2	5	9	1	3	8

SOLUTION TO 6697

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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A1	E1	P3	T1	N1	R1	R1		RACK 2
O1	D2	R1	F4	M3	E1	E1		RACK 3
I1	E1	N1	P3	V4	S1	E1	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 175-185
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

J8	U1	M3	B3	O1	RACK 1 =	48
S1	T1	O1	M3	A1	T1	A1	RACK 2 =	68
T1	E1	N1	S1	I1	O1	N1	RACK 3 =	57
T1	H4	R1	E1	S1	H4	RACK 4 =	12

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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We're going to put him back. He's not exactly a trophy fish.
OK. I think his name is Nemo! I'll be back next year, Nemo!
THE FISH WAS SMALL, SO SHE RELEASED IT BACK INTO THE WATER AND SAID ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LASSO PANDA GUILTY HERMIT
Answer: The carpenter was willing to pay a little more for a hammer that would be — TOUGH AS NAILS

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HITORI-3152

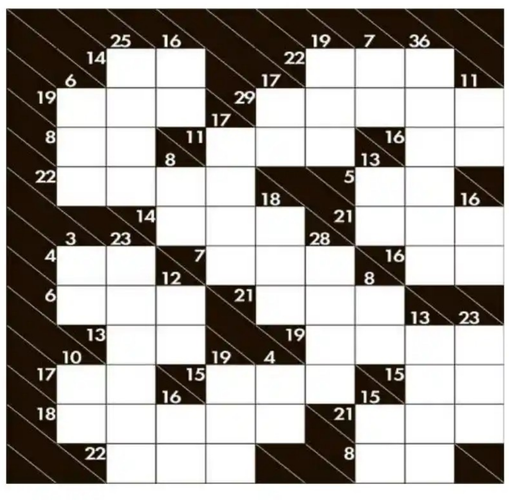
1	8	7	6	4	5	3	2
6	1	1	2	3	1	5	8
1	2	8	1	2	3	1	6
5	6	2	3	1	1	8	1
2	5	6	1	1	8	1	2
4	1	5	8	1	2	6	7
7	2	1	4	8	6	3	1
3	3	1	5	2	4	7	1

SOLUTION TO 3151

■	8	1	■	5	4	2	■
3	5	■	4	8	■	6	2
5	2	8	■	7	6	■	4
■	1	■	6	3	■	8	■
8	6	5	1	■	3	4	7
■	7	■	5	1	■	3	6
4	■	7	8	6	2	5	1
6	4	2	3	■	8	1	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

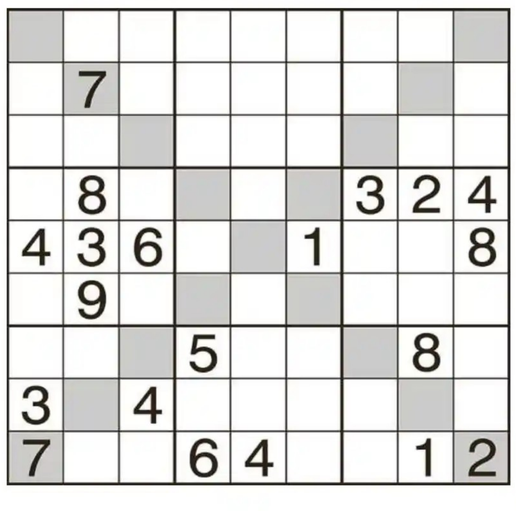
KAKURO- 3152



SOLUTION TO 3151

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3673



SOLUTION TO 3672

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4	6	3	1	8	5	9	7	2
9	3	8	7	6	2	1	5	4
7	5	2	4	1	9	8	6	3
6	4	1	5	3	8	2	9	7
8	9	4	2	5	7	6	3	1
2	7	6	3	9	1	5	4	8
3	1	5	8	4	6	7	2	9

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

Nepal Army takes back Kathmandu's streets after two days of protests

Relevant groups coordinating to tackle situation, says military

KATHMANDU, PTI

Flames rise from Hilton hotel after it was set on fire in Kathmandu on Wednesday. AP/PTI

Nepalese troops patrolled the streets on Wednesday to restore order and quell possible violence "under the guise of agitation" as the Himalayan nation slowly returned to normalcy, a day after violent demonstrations forced Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to resign.

The Nepal Army has urged "foreign nationals, stranded due to the current difficult situation, to contact the nearest security post or personnel for their rescue or any other help."

It has also requested hotels, tourism entrepreneurs, and related agencies to provide necessary assistance to the needy foreign nationals.

During the day, the national capital appeared deserted as soldiers guarded the streets and ordered people to stay at home. This followed protests on Tuesday that saw key government buildings, political party offices, and the homes of senior politicians set on fire. No violence was reported on Wednesday.

The army, which took control of security from Tuesday night after incidents of arson and vandalism across the country, warned that any form of demonstrations, vandalism, arson, or attacks on individuals and property would be treated as criminal acts and dealt with accordingly.

It said the measures were necessary to curb potential incidents of looting, arson, and other destructive activities "under the guise of agitation." As the situation returned to normalcy, the protesting Gen Z group held discussions to finalise the name of the person to lead the interim government.

Nepali Congress, the largest party in the House of Representatives, issued a joint statement by General Secretaries Gagan Thapa and Bishwa Prakash Sharma, stating they are ready to cooperate with the Gen Z group.

However, they emphasised that any decision must follow the constitutional and legal process. "There is no alternative to the rule of law, no alternative to democracy. In this complex situation, all party members must unite," the statement said.

"Lawlessness only leads to further chaos. Therefore, during the talks, we urge the President and the Gen Z representatives to ensure that a new political structure is formed for governance and elections," it added.

Meanwhile, the death toll from the violent protests led by the 'Gen Z' group in the last two days increased to 30, according to the Ministry of Health and Population.

Since early Wednesday, the normally bustling streets of Kathmandu appeared deserted. Only a few residents ventured out, primarily to stock up on daily essentials.

The army also urged people to return guns, weapons, and bullets looted or found during the agitation to the nearest police post or security personnel. It warned that legal action would be taken against anyone found possessing such arms or without returning them.

IAEA gains access to Iran's nuclear sites

VIENNA, AP/PTI: An agreement between Tehran and the United Nations' atomic watchdog will provide the UN agency with access to all of Iran's nuclear facilities and require Iran to report on the whereabouts of material that was at sites attacked by Israel earlier this year, the head of the agency said on Wednesday.

The accord was announced on Tuesday after a meeting between International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Grossi, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, and Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty.

Details of the agreement were not immediately released. In an address to his agency's board of governors in Vienna on Wednesday, Grossi said the document "provides a clear understanding of the procedures for inspection notifications and their implementation."

The agreement "includes all facilities and installations in Iran and also requires reporting on all the attacked facilities, including the nuclear material present at those," Grossi added, noting that it will "open the way for the respective inspections and access."

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Smoke billows after an Israeli airstrike in Sanaa, Yemen, on Wednesday. Houthi officials reported at least 35 people killed and over 130 injured. REUTERS

EU commission prez seeks sanctions against Israel

▸ The European Commission president said on Wednesday she would seek sanctions and a partial trade suspension against Israel over the war in Gaza, an announcement that marked a sharp turnaround for Ursula von der Leyen, a longtime supporter of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, AP/PTI reports from Strasbourg (France).

The 27-nation EU is deeply divided in its approach to Israel and the Palestinians, and it's unclear whether a majority will be found to endorse the sanctions and trade measures. Von der Leyen added that the commission "will set up a Palestine donor group next month," part of which will focus on Gaza's future reconstruction. She said the events in Gaza and the suffering of children and families "has shaken the conscience of the world." The Gaza Health Ministry says 126 Palestinians, including 26 children, have died of causes related to malnutrition since international experts announced famine in Gaza City on August 22.

Mob lynches two in Dhaka

▸ Mobbers on Wednesday lynched two people in an interval of three hours in the Bangladesh capital amid growing concerns of deteriorating law and order situation, with rights groups and media raising alarm, PTI reports from Dhaka.

Two youths, in their early 20s, were beaten to death in separate incidents at Dhaka's Mohammadpur. They were suspected of mugging. Two days ago, another youth was lynched in the same neighbourhood on similar charges, the newspaper added. Rights group Ain O Salish Kendra last month reported that 124 people were lynched in first eight months of 2025.

A resident navigates a flooded street after heavy rainfall in Karachi, Pakistan, on Wednesday. REUTERS

India slams Pak at UN rights council

▸ India has slammed Pakistan at the UN Human Rights Council, saying it doesn't need lessons from a "terror sponsor" that continues to finance and shelter networks that threaten global security, PTI reports from Geneva.

"We are compelled, once again, to address provocations from a country whose own leadership recently likened it to a "dump truck", perhaps an inadvertently apt metaphor for a state that continues to deposit recycled falsehoods and stale propaganda before this distinguished Council," Kshitij Tyagi, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, said.

250 held in France during protest against Macron

Nationwide demonstrations hit normal life

PARIS, AP/PTI

Railway workers hold smoke bombs in the Gare de Lyon train station, during the "Block Everything" protest movement in Paris on Wednesday. AP/PTI

Protesters blocked roads, set fires, and were met with volleys of tear gas on Wednesday in Paris and across France, putting pressure on President Emmanuel Macron by subjecting his new prime minister to a baptism of fire.

The government's interior ministry reported 250 arrests in the first hours of what was planned as a nationwide day of demonstrations against Macron, budget cuts, and other grievances.

Although the protest movement fell short of its self-declared aim to "Block Everything," it caused widespread disruptions across the country. The protests, which began online over the summer, defied an exceptional deployment of 80,000 police officers, who dismantled barricades and swiftly made arrests.

Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau confirmed that a bus was set on fire in the western city of Rennes. In the southwest, fire damage to electrical cables halted train services on one line and disrupted traffic on another, according to government transport authorities.

The protests, however, appeared less intense than previous bouts of unrest that have intermittently rocked Macron throughout both his first and ongoing second terms. These included months of nationwide yellow vest protests against economic inequality in 2018-2019.

After his re-election in 2022, Macron faced significant backlash over unpopular pension reforms and widespread unrest in 2023 following the fatal police shooting of a teenager on the outskirts of Paris.

Despite this, the protests and sporadic clashes with riot police on Wednesday added to the sense of crisis engulfing France, which experienced its latest government collapse on Monday, when Prime Minister François Bayrou lost a parliamentary confidence vote.

Macron appointed a new prime minister, Sébastien Lecornu, on Tuesday, and the protests immediately presented him with a significant challenge.

'Focus on your own challenges': India rebukes Switzerland

GNEVA, PTI: India has termed as "surprising, shallow, and ill-informed" the remarks made by Switzerland against it on its minorities, saying the country should focus on its own challenges such as racism, systematic discrimination, and xenophobia.

"We would also like to respond to the surprising, shallow, and ill-informed remarks made by Switzerland, a close friend and partner," Kshitij Tyagi, Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, said on Tuesday during the UN General Debate on the oral update by the High Commissioner at the 60th Session of the Human Rights Council.

In remarks at the Council, the Swiss delegate had said his country calls on the Indian government to "take effective measures to protect minorities and uphold the rights to the freedom of expression and the freedom of the media."

Noting that since Switzerland holds the Presidency of the UNHRC, Tyagi said it is all the more important for Switzerland to avoid wasting the Council's time with narratives that are "blatantly false".

Ellison nears Musk in rich list after Oracle shares spike by 43%

REUTERS

Oracle shares surged about 43% to a record high on Wednesday, putting the company on track to join the elite trillion-dollar club, after showcasing its rise as a major AI cloud provider.

The company unveiled four multi-billion-dollar contracts on Tuesday amid an industry-wide shift, led by companies such as OpenAI and xAI, to spend aggressively on the computing capacity needed to stay ahead in the AI race. The stock rose 42.8% to a record high of $345.49, marking its largest one-day percentage gain since 1992.

Oracle co-founder and chairman Larry Ellison, 81, whose net worth is largely derived from his 41% stake in Oracle, saw his fortune rise by around $102 billion to approximately $395 billion, according to Forbes. He is rapidly closing in on Elon Musk in the race to be the world's richest person.

The company will add about $299 billion to its market valuation if gains hold, taking the total to around $969 billion and bringing Oracle closer to the coveted $1 trillion club. Its shares have risen 45% so far this year, outperforming the so-called Magnificent Seven stocks and the broader S&P 500 index, with investors betting heavily on AI-driven cloud firms. "Over the next few months, we expect to sign several additional multi-billion-dollar customers, and RPO is likely to exceed half a trillion dollars," said CEO Safra Catz during a post-earnings call.

Currently, Microsoft, Amazon Web Services, and Google Cloud dominate the cloud computing market with a combined 65% share, while Oracle, Alibaba, CoreWeave, and others hold smaller portions. Oracle's first-quarter results lifted shares of Nvidia, Broadcom, and Advanced Micro Devices, which supply semiconductors used in data centres. Shares of these companies rose between 3.8% and 10.6%, while competitor CoreWeave's shares increased about 20%.

The company has struck deals with Amazon, Alphabet, and Microsoft to allow their cloud customers to run Oracle Cloud Infrastructure alongside native services. Revenue from these partnerships rose more than sixteen-fold in the first quarter.

New sign of ancient life in Mars uncovered

CAPE CANAVERAL (US), AP/PTI: Nasa's Mars rover Perseverance has uncovered rocks in a dry river channel that may hold potential signs of ancient microscopic life, scientists reported Wednesday.

They stressed that in-depth analysis is needed of the sample gathered there by Perseverance — ideally in labs on Earth — before reaching any conclusions.

Roaming Mars since 2021, the rover cannot directly detect life. Instead, it carries a drill to penetrate rocks and tubes to hold the samples gathered from places judged most suitable for hosting life billions of years ago. The samples are awaiting retrieval to Earth — an ambitious plan that's on hold as Nasa seeks cheaper, quicker options.

Calling it an "exciting discovery," a pair of scientists who were not involved in the study — SETI Institute's Janice Bishop and the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Mario Parente — were quick to point out that non-biological processes could be responsible. "That's part of the reason why we can't go so far as to say, A-ha, this is proof positive of life," lead researcher Joel Hurowitz said.

Nato scrambles jets to shoot down Russian drones

WOHYN (POLAND), AP/PTI

Officials inspect an area where a Russian drone is believed to have fallen in Czosnowka, Poland, on Wednesday. REUTERS

Multiple Russian drones crossed into Poland in what European officials described Wednesday as a deliberate provocation, causing Nato to send fighter jets to shoot them down.

A Nato spokesman said it was the first time the alliance confronted a potential threat in its airspace. The incursion, which occurred during a wave of strikes by the Kremlin on Ukraine, and the Nato response swiftly raised fears that the war could spill over — a fear that has been growing in Europe as Russia steps up its attacks and peace efforts go nowhere.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it did not target Poland, while Belarus, a close ally of Moscow, said it tracked some drones that "lost their course" because they were jammed.

However, several European leaders said they believed the incursion amounted to an intentional expansion of Russia's assault against Ukraine.

"Russia's war is escalating, not ending," European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas told reporters in Brussels. "What (Russian President Vladimir) Putin wants to do is to test us. What happened in Poland is a game changer," and it should result in stronger sanctions. Polish airspace has been violated many times since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, but never on this scale in Poland or anywhere else in Nato territory.

It was not immediately clear how many drones were involved. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk told parliament 19 violations were recorded over seven hours. Nato officials met on Wednesday to discuss the incident.

Hong Kong rejects bill recognising same-sex partnerships

HONG KONG, AP/PTI: Hong Kong lawmakers on Wednesday voted down a bill that would have granted recognition to same-sex partnerships, despite the rights offered being limited, marking a major setback for the LGBTQ+ movement.

The Registration of Same-Sex Partnerships Bill, unveiled in July, stemmed from one of the legal victories that pushed the government to offer more equal rights to gays and lesbians. However, the bill met fierce opposition from lawmakers, even though it followed the top court's 2023 ruling, which stated the government should provide a framework for recognising such relationships and gave it two years to work out a solution. Out of the lawmakers who attended the meeting, 71 voted against the bill, 14 approved it, and one abstained.

The staunch opposition from lawmakers was rare, particularly given the Chinese government's overhaul of the electoral rules in the territory, which effectively filled the legislature with Beijing loyalists.

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1) Davanagere Oil Complex- Construction of Cement Concrete Road White Topping, Storm water drain, Entrance Gate, Street light work for Road and Allied Works for DOC, Davanagere.

2) AATC Haveri- Tar Road (Bituminous Road).

Detailed Information can be viewed at **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further information contact **Karnataka Co-operative Oilseeds Growers' Federation Ltd.,** during office hours. Any amendment in the tender will be published on the e-procurement portal. The Managing Director reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Managing Director

Department of Technical Education
Palace Road, Bangalore-560001 Ph: 2220 0291.

NO: DTE-PLAN0SPS1/17/2025 Dated: 09/09/2025.

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through kpp portal from eligible bidders for the following tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Item Name	Date of floating tender in KPP portal	Date and time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and time for bidding through KPP portal
Tender no: DTE/2025-26/ IND0040/CALL-2 Supply of Furniture	09.09.2025	22.09.2025 at 12.30 p.m.	10.10.2025 at 5.29 p.m.
Tender no: DTE/2025-26/IND0043 Supply of Furniture	08.09.2025	22.09.2025 at 11.00 am	10.10.2025 at 5.30 p.m.

The Department reserves the right to cancel or reject the tenders without any notification. Details in this regard may be obtained in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/CP/RO/2739/AAPL/2025-26

Sd/- Director, Department of Technical Education.

Department of School Education (PRE-UNIVERSITY)

SAMPIGE ROAD, 18TH CROSS, MALLESWARAM, BENGALURU-560012

No: DPUE-EST10APT/1/2025 Date: 05.09.2025

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for the appointment of Advocate on Contract basis to work as assistant to Government Advocate and as Legal Consultant for all the Court cases related to the Department of School Education (Pre-University) (including office of Deputy Director of all Districts). The Contract period shall be fixed for 11 months, which could be extended further based on the performance. Details of qualification, experience, area of specialization and other terms and conditions can be seen in the notification published in the official website **https://pue.karnataka.gov.in/** and application format can be downloaded from the said website.The filled applications along with relevant documents must be submitted within 10 days from the date of publication of this notification in the Newspaper either in person or E-mail (commissioner.pue@gmail.com) or speed post to the following address "Director, Department of School Education (Pre-University), Sampige Road, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560012" super scribing on the envelope as application for appointment of advocate on contract basis.

Sd/- Director, Department of School Education (Pre-University)

KOF Since: 1984

KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE OILSEEDS GROWERS FEDERATION LTD.,

No. 11, 4th Floor, Blue Cross Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Bangalore – 560001, Ph: 080- 25550268, email: pi@kof.coop, Mob: 9591812016/ 8073093473

Ref: KOF:PI:GB:2025-26 Date : 10.09.2025

SEALED QUOTATION

Managing Director, KOF, Bangalore is inviting quotation for supply of 70,000 to 80,000 new B-twill empty gunny bags measuring 112" Length X 67.5" Width for filling of 50 Kg of Sunflower and 28" X 45" for filling of 35 Kg of Groundnut Pod, which is procuring under M/s Price Support Scheme Operation during Kharif 2025-26.

The sealed quotation must be received to the above said address on or before dt. **17.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.** The quotation after receiving the closed date will not be considered. The Sealed Quotation will be opened on dt. **18.09.2025 at 2.30 PM** at above said address. For more details request to contact 9591812016/ 8073093473.

The Managing Director, KOF reserves absolute right to accept or reject the quotations without assigning any reasons and the suppliers will not have any legal right to question the same.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Fitch raises GDP growth projection to 6.9% on strong demand

Reforms cushion economy against global risks: CEA

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Rating agency Fitch has raised India's GDP growth projection for the current financial year to 6.9% from earlier forecast of 6.5% citing strong domestic consumption-led demand and better-than-expected Q1 numbers.

In the April-June quarter India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth accelerated to 7.8%, beating the government as well as the private agencies' forecasts. Fitch had pegged Q1 growth at 6.7%.

In its Global Economic Outlook (GEO) September update, Fitch noted that domestic demand supported by strong real income dynamics and looser financial conditions would remain the key drivers of economic growth.

However, the rating agency said that the growth would slow down in the second half of the current financial year.

"Annual growth will slow in the second half of the financial year, and so we expect growth to slow in FY27 to 6.3%. With the economy operating slightly above its potential, we expect growth will edge down to 6.2% in FY28" the rating agency noted in its report.

Fitch's projection on India's economic growth for the current financial year is higher than most other estimates. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has pegged it at 6.4% while the World Bank's projection is slightly lower at 6.3%. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has pegged it at 6.5%.

V Anantha Nageswaran

On the US tariffs, Fitch said the uncertainty around trade relations would dampen business sentiment and investment. US President Donald Trump's administration has imposed 50% tariffs on the majority of Indian products. Fitch said the tariffs rate are expected to be lowered through negotiations between the two countries.

"The government has adopted reforms to the Goods and Services Tax to be effective from September 22, which should modestly boost consumer spending over the remainder of this and the next fiscal years," Fitch said.

Meanwhile, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said the economic reforms undertaken by the central government would cushion the economy from the negative impact of global trade uncertainty.

Apart from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate rationalisation, Nageswaran cited the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act and consolidation of public sector banks as the key reform measures that have improved the business environment in the country.

Speaking at an event organised by the All India Management Association (AIMA), Nageswaran clarified that India was not considering joining any global effort to develop a currency alternative to the US dollar.

On India's monetary policy, Fitch said, "we still expect the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to cut rates by 25 basis points (bps) towards the end of the year, as it assesses the impact of the policy loosening already implemented, and that rates will stay there until end-2026. We expect the RBI to start raising rates in 2027."

The RBI kept the key policy interest rates unchanged in August after reducing it cumulatively by 100 basis points in the previous three Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings. The next meeting of the RBI is scheduled in October.

MB Patil woos Japan's JFE Shoji to revive NGEF

Sumitomo to invest Rs 2,345 crore to set up a steel plant in Koppal

BENGALURU, DHNS

Industries Minister M B Patil, on Wednesday, held talks with Japan's JFE Shoji Company on the possibilities of reviving the prestigious New Government Electrical Factory (NGEF) in Hubballi with state partnership.

The minister, leading a high-level Karnataka delegation visiting Japan to attract investment, put forward the revival proposal in a meeting with the company's top officials on Wednesday.

"JFE is at the forefront in the manufacture of power converters," the minister said. He added that senior officials of the company have been invited to visit the Hubballi unit for preliminary discussions regarding the NGEF revival.

The meeting was attended by Hiroshi Lijima, General Manager, Machinery Division, JFE Shoji Company, Hidekasu Yoshioko, Manager, Electrical Appliances Steel Planning Division, and other officials.

The company assured the state delegation that a separate Rs 400 crore project to manufacture motor

MB Patil

cores used in battery-powered and electric vehicles (BEVs/EVs) will be implemented soon.

On the third day of the visit, the delegation held talks with senior officials of Sumitomo, Yaskawa, and JFE Shoji companies.

Steel plant in Koppal

Sumitomo confirmed an investment of Rs 2,345 crore in a steel manufacturing unit in Koppal through Mukanda Sumi, a joint venture with the Bajaj Group. The unit will be operational by 2028 and will have an annual capacity of 3,50,000 tonnes of iron and steel. The minister explained that Sumitomo has also expressed interest in setting up a biomass unit in Karnataka in the near future.

Yaskawa confirmed its investment to the state delegation for establishing a motion control and variable frequency drives unit in Bengaluru. The minister said this will strengthen Karnataka's position as a hub for advanced manufacturing technology.

Selvakumar S, Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, and Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and other senior officials were present during the discussions.

Govt explores rare-earth deal with Myanmar rebels after Chinese curbs

NEW DELHI, REUTERS: The union government is working to obtain rare-earth samples from Myanmar with the assistance of a powerful rebel group, according to four people familiar with the matter, as it seeks alternative supplies of a strategic resource tightly controlled by China.

The Ministry of Mines asked state-owned and private firms to explore collecting and transporting samples from mines in northeastern Myanmar that are under the control of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), three of the people said.

State-owned miner IREL and private firm Midwest Advanced Materials - which received government funding last year for the commercial manufacturing of rare-earth magnets - were among those involved in the discussions, the sources said. New Delhi hopes to test the samples in domestic labs to ensure they contain sufficient levels of heavy rare earths that can be processed into magnets used in electronic vehicles and other advanced equipment, according to the people.

The ministry made the request - signalling a rare instance of Delhi engaging with a non-state actor -at an online meeting in July.

Zetwerk likely to invest Rs 5K cr in solar cell plant in TN

E.T.B. SIVAPRIYAN
HOSUR, DHNS

Bengaluru-headquartered Zetwerk Manufacturing Businesses Private Limited is likely to invest Rs 5,000 crore to set up a solar cell manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu, giving a boost to the state government's efforts to emerge as a major hub for green exports.

Four electronics firms – three based in Bengaluru – will also invest a total of Rs 875 crore in setting up new units or expanding their existing operations in Krishnagiri district, generating 2,450 jobs.

The above investments are part of over 40 MoUs expected to be signed between companies and the Tamil Nadu government at the first-ever TN Rising Investment Conclave in the industrial city of Hosur, just 40 km from Bengaluru, on Thursday.

The investment pledges are likely to be made in a range of sectors, including electronics, solar cell manufacturing, and electric vehicles.

Chief Minister M K Stalin will oversee the signing of MoUs, inaugurate new industries, and make several announcements for the infrastructural development of the burgeoning city of Hosur, which is fast emerging as a hub for electric vehicles (EVs) and electronics manufacturing.

Sources told *DH* that Zetwerk Manufacturing Businesses Private Limited's solar cell manufacturing facility, which will involve an investment of Rs 5,000 crore, will generate 3,000 jobs. "The project will augment the domestic solar value chain by catalysing ancillary industries such as glass, EVA, back sheets, silver paste, and machinery, and boost energy security through green exports," a source aware of the developments told *DH*.

The fresh investment by Zetwerk will boost the 'Make in India' initiative at a time when the government is pushing firms nationwide to focus on manufacturing for the world. The source added that Zetwerk will, in all probability, make the investment in the Hosur-Krishnagiri region. "The exact location in Tamil Nadu is being worked out."

HI-Q Electronics Private Limited is likely to invest Rs 425 crore in a PCB making facility in Hosur. This project will generate 400 jobs. ASM Technologies Limited will invest Rs 250 crore in a manufacturing facility in Hosur focussing on LED equipment design and manufacturing for the electronics, semiconductor, solar, and allied industries.

IDBI Bank moves NCLT with fresh insolvency plea against Zee

NEW DELHI, PTI: IDBI Bank has filed a fresh plea in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) seeking insolvency against media and entertainment firm ZEE.

In its petition at the Mumbai bench of NCLT, IDBI Bank, claiming to be a financial creditor of the company, has claimed a purported default of Rs 225.22 crore, according to a regulatory filing from the Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL).

IDBI Bank's claim, filed under Section 7 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC), arises under a Debt Service Reserve Agreement entered into by the private sector lender and the company for credit facilities availed by Siti Networks Ltd.

Terming the new application as "malicious, fraudulent and meritless", ZEE in the regulatory updates said it has been filed "with mala fide intent to harass and cause disrepute" to the company.

"The company vehemently disputes the bank's claims and is taking necessary and appropriate steps to contest the same. The company may also adopt legal remedies against the bank, including for malicious prosecution, defamation and damages, as may be advised to it," it said.

In 2022, IDBI Bank had filed a Section 7 plea to initiate the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against the company for the same purported debt forming subject-matter of the present application.

"The said application filed by the Bank in 2022 was dismissed by the NCLT vide its order dated May 19, 2023. An appeal filed by the bank before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, Delhi, challenging the said order dated May 19, 2023, was also dismissed vide an order dated 7th April 2025," it said.

BYD's officials set to visit India as Modi-Xi reset ties

BLOOMBERG: BYD Co is gearing up for a renewed push into India, according to people familiar with the matter, as warming diplomatic ties pave the way for the Chinese electric-vehicle giant to penetrate the world's most populous country.

After managing operations remotely for five years, easing bilateral travel restrictions will allow BYD's India Managing Director Ketsu Zhang to travel to the country in the next couple of months, the people said, asking for anonymity to discuss private plans.

The Shenzhen-based carmaker already has begun securing visas for senior managers and engineers that will enable the company to restart training programs, service machinery and assess the state of its factory in southern India, they added.

At the same time, the world's largest EV seller is weighing a launch of its Atto 2 compact electric SUV in India early next year, which will be the carmaker's cheapest offering in the country and a direct challenge to local mass-market makers like Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. and Tata Motors Ltd.

India's resumption of business visas for Chinese travelers provides BYD with an opportunity to expand its presence in the country, something that had seemed out of reach just a few months ago amid frosty Sino-Indian ties. The diplomatic thaw is now expected to give BYD its best shot at establishing itself in the Indian market since its proposal to set up a manufacturing base in the country was rejected in 2023.

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Controller of Stores and Purchases, Central Office, Divisional Workshop Premises,
Gokul Road, Hubballi - 580 030. Phone : 0836-2957528, E-mail : cosp.nwkrtc@karnataka.gov.in

Short Term Tender Notification No. : 08/2025-26 Date : 10-09-2025

SHORT TERM / TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP)

Tenders are invited from the interested bidders for supply of the materials and for providing the services as shown below.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description of the Tender	Tender Value (Approx.)
01	NWKRTC/2025-26/SE1877/ CALL-2	Development and Maintenance of HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HRMS) & PAYROLL Software for NWKRTC (Short Term Tender).	Rs. 275.00 Lakh
02	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0148	U Bolts, Centre Bolts & Spring Clamps.	Rs. 172.00 Lakh
03	NWKRTC/2023-24/IND0149	Thin Walled Bearings.	Rs. 60.00 Lakh

Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids : For the tenders at Sl. No.1 it is 17-09-2025 till 17.30 Hrs. and for the tenders at Sl. No. 2 & 3 is 27-09-2025 till 17.30 Hrs. For details visit Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Or Contact Mobile Phone Nos. : 7022009113, 7760988557.

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases, Tender Inviting Authority.

DIPR/Dharwad/652/Manipal/2025-26

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from eligible contractors for the following works:

Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (in Rs.)	Last Date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Kaveri Bhavan K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 009				
South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1440/ 2025-26, Date: 06.09.2025	Rs.3,52,666/- / Rs. 8,900/-	18.09.2025 upto 4:00 PM	20.09.2025 after 4:00 PM
		Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-1)		
Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 009				
North-2	BWSSB/ENTE/AE-1/1729/ 2025-26, Date: 08.09.2025	Rs.10,12,953/- / Rs. 25,400/-	25.09.2025 upto 3:00 PM	26.09.2025 after 4:00 PM
	BWSSB/ENTE/AE-1/1731/ 2025-26, Date: 08.09.2025 (Call-3)	Rs.19,42,413/- / Rs. 48,600/-		
		Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-2)		
Office of the Chief Engineer - WWW (East), 5th Floor, Kaveri Bhavan K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 009				
(WWM) K-Valley	BWSSB/EWK/PB/386/ 2025-26, Date: 04.09.2025	Rs.66.12 Lakhs / Rs. 1.23 Lakhs	18.09.2025 upto 4:00 PM	19.09.2025 after 4:05 PM
		Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM) K-Valley		

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.

DIPR/CP/2746/SA/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕಾರವಾರ – 581 301
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELPOMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR-581 301
Telephone: 08382 221170 Email: ka.uttarakannada.dudc@gmail.com

No: UK/DUDC/AmrutNagarothanaPhase-4/CR/2024-25 Dated: 08-09-2025

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, District urban Development Cell, Uttar Kannada district, Karwar invites tenders from eligible KPWD Registered contractors for Amruth Nagarothan-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below through KPPP Portal (**http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in**).

Pre bid Meeting / Tender clarification for Indent No. DMA/34145/Call 3 is **18-09-2025 at 11:00 hrs,** for Indent No. DMA/36356 is **30-09-2025 at 11:00 hrs**, Last date for uploading of completed tender documents for Indent No. DMA/34145/Call 3 is **22-09-2025 at 17:00 hrs,** for Indent No. DMA/36356 is **15-10-2025 at 17:00 hrs,** Opening of Technical Bid for Indent No. DMA/34145/Call 3 is **23-09-2025 at 17:30 hrs,** for Indent No. DMA/36356 is **16-10-2025 at 17:30 hrs,** Opening of Financial Bid for Indent No. DMA/34145/Call 3 is: **26-09-2025 at 11:00 hrs,** for Indent No. DMA/36356 is **18-10-2025 at 11:00 hrs.**

Sl.No	ULB Name	Indent Number
1	CMC Dandeli	DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT34145/ Call 3
2	CMC Karwar	DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT36356

All other required tender information may be availed from the website **http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and **http://www.uttarakannadadudc.mrc.gov.in/**.or Project Director, DUDC, UK Office .

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
District Urban Development Cell
DC Office, U.K. District, Karwar

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/466/25-26 dt. 09.08.2025

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಯಾದಗಿರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಶಹಾಪೂರ,

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾನಿಅ:ತಾಪಂಶಾ:ತಾಪಂಸ್ವಸಂಅ:ಟೆಂಪ;2025–26/ 771 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.09.2025

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ)

(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

1) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ: ಶಹಾಪೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣದ ತಾಲೂಕ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಭಾಗಣ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು. RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT17654/CALL-2 **2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:** 2024–25 ಸಾಲಿನ ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಸ್ವಂತ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅನುದಾನ. **3) ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:** ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ:** 3ನೇ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು **5) ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 12.09.2025 ರಿಂದ 20.09.2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. **6) ಟೆಂಡರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ:** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ (ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕು ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲಾ). **7) ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**20.09.2025 ಸಂಯಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ವರೆಗೆ **8) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ:** 22.09.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ನಂತರ. **9) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ (ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ):** ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಶಹಾಪೂರ. 10)ಅಂತರಜಾಲ ತಾಣದ ವಿಳಾಸ: https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in

ಸೂಚನೆ :– ಟೆಂಡರರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಿಸಿದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು (ರಜಾದಿನಗಳು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ).

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ,
ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಶಹಾಪೂರ.

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KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
O/o The Chief Engineer, Jalabhavan, #P-4,
10th Main, 3rd cross, 3rd Floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09,
Ph No: 0821- 2545894, Email: kwbcemys2014@gmail.com.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender for the work of Providing sewer Missing links, outfall Sewer line, HSC's, construction of wetwells DG rooms Supply, Erection, Electrification & Commissioning of Suitable HP non-clog sewage pump sets & Suitable capacity DG Set and allied Accessories under Balance works of UGD Scheme to Pandavapura town (Lumpsum Tender –No Variation) is invited vide Indent No. KUWSDB/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT399.
For details - **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer

ಬಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/ತಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯು/944/2025–26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: CEE/BGKT/Tr(Op)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-2&7/25-26/9037-43 Dt: 09.09.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tender in KPPP mode for the following works on **Total/Partial Turnkey Basis.**

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/ STN38/25-26/SUVARNA SOUDHA. Tender No.: KPTCL/ 2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2685 for Creating 33kV reference by providing 1x20MVA, 110/33kV Power Transformer & construction of 1 no. of 33kV Terminal Bay at 110kV Suvarna Soudha Sub-station Belagavi Taluk & District arranging additional power supply to an extent of 2700kVA (totalling to 3200kVA on 33kV) to the existing HT installation having CD of 500kVA on 11kV bearing RR on HT – 207 bearing in favour of Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Sambra village in Belagavi Taluk & District, **Including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on Partial Turn Key Basis**.

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Agniputhra kick start title defence with scrappy win

BENGALURU, DHNS: FC Agniputhra needed a late winner from Shlok Tiwari as they kicked off their KSFA Super Division League Championship title defence with a scrappy 2-1 win over Bangalore City here at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Wednesday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

After a goalless first half in the afternoon affair, Agniputhra were jolted by RS Jlcis' 49th-minute strike. Agniputhra, however, were back on level terms within five minutes, thanks to Lunjangam Kipgen's own goal.

Agniputhra then pushed hard for the winner but Bangalore City repelled all of it until their defence caved in the 85th minute with Tiwari nailing the winner.

Results: FC Agniputhra: 2 (Lunjangam Kipgen 50th og, Shlok Tiwari 85th) bt Bangalore City: 1 (RS Jlcis 49th); United Stars FC: 2 (Appu Arogya Swamy P 35th, Rajil Saji 79th) drew with FC Real Bengaluru: 2 (Sanjay S 20th, Syed Ahmed 39th); BFC: 2 (MD Arbash 62nd, Shamnad KP 90+4) bt Rebels FC: 1 (Heiwanbha Dkhar 35th).

IN BRIEF

Darshan stars for KFSCB

Darshan DS stole the spotlight by netting five goals to power Karnataka Forest Sports Board Control Board to a comprehensive 8-2 win over Bengaluru Blues HC at the DS Murthy Memorial hockey tournament on Wednesday, reports DHNS.

Results: KFSCB: 8 (Darshan DS 14th, 21st, 30th, 34th, 38th, Bharath KK 18th, Arjun Reddy 32nd, Mithun Bijwad 43rd) bt Bengaluru Blues HC: 2 (Karthik J 10th, 40th); Dharwad District HA: 1 (5) (Samarth Jadhav 47th) bt Rainbow HC: 1 (3) (Gautham Ganapathy 31st) via shootout.

Mahir wins title at BGC

Mahir Rakhra, with a two-day total of three-over 143, won the open category (gross) title by two shots at the Karnataka Open Amateur Golf Championship in Bangalore Golf Club over the weekend, reports DHNS.

Mahir carded 74-69 on the par-70 course while Aaron Mendonca scored 72-73 for a five-over 145 to finish as the runner-up.

Results: Open Category: Gross: Mahir Rakhra (74-69) 1; Aaron Mendonca (72-73) 2.
Handicap 0-9: Net: Sundaram C (72-70) 1; Sanjay Nair (75-68) 2.
Handicap 10-18: Net: Sumanth NY (69-68) 1; Kedarnath Mudda (69-71) 2.
Handicap 19-24: Net: Siddalinga Swamy S (70-75) 1; Girish GR (73-74) 2.
Ladies (winners): Gross: Rianca Thimmaiah (73-75).
Net: Sunita Koogas Da Costa (72-72).
Seniors 65+ age group (winners): Gross: Ranganath VT (75-77).
Net: Dr. Rame Gowda (70-74).

Karnataka out despite win

Rosy Thanga (43rd) Spoorthi KU (88th) scored one goal apiece that was enough to give Karnataka a 2-0 win over Telangana at the 30th Senior Women's National Football Championship for the Rajamata Jijabai Trophy in Narainpur, Chhattisgarh, reports DHNS.

The win, however, did not help Karnataka to advance to the knock-out stage despite having seven points as Chhattisgarh, also with seven points in group F, moved ahead due to better goal difference.

Results: Karnataka: 2 (Rosy Thanga 43rd, Spoorthi KU 88th) bt Telangana: 0.

ON TV

CRICKET
Asia Cup: Bangladesh vs Hong Kong **(8:00 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 1**.

HOCKEY
Women's Asia Cup: Singapore vs Chinese Taipei **(9:45 am)**; Malaysia vs Thailand **(12:00 pm)**; Japan vs Korea **(2:15 pm)**; India vs China **(4:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 2**.

ARCHERY
World Championship: Recurve women **(6:30 am)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

CRICKET DULEEP TROPHY

It's South bowling vs Central batting in final

Wearing depleted looks, both teams will be keen to find a winning way

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

In the absence of two key batters, South Zone will hope the likes of Tanmay Agarwal will come to party in the Duleep Trophy final against Central Zone at the BCCI's CoE. PTI

The battle lines could not have been drawn more clearly for the Duleep Trophy final -- South Zone's bowling versus Central Zone's batting -- which gets underway at the Centre of Excellence here on the outskirts of Bengaluru from Thursday.

South Zone, however, will be a little concerned about their batting, with two of their biggest names missing in N Jagadeesan and Devdutt Padikkal, who are out after an India A call-up for the two unofficial four-day Tests against Australia A in Lucknow.

The zonal selectors have brought in two young talents in R Smaran and Andre Sidharth, who played crucial roles for their respective sides, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, in the Ranji Trophy last season.

While the hosts will miss the services of the two India recruits, the good news is that Tanmay Agarwal and Ricky Bhui are coming off decent batting outings, and they look like a unit playing with chemistry.

While the rest pick themselves, the hosts are likely to go with three seaming options in Gurjapneeth Singh, MD Nidheesh and Vasuki Koushik.

On the other side, Central Zone have also hit the reshuffle button, especially to their bowling, after the India A calls.

Madhya Pradesh's Kumar Kartikeya Singh and Vidarbha seamer Nachiket Bhute have replaced Harsh Dubey and Yash Thakur. Central will also have to do without Manav Suthar and Khaleel Ahmed with MP's Kuldeep Sen and Rajasthan's Ajay Singh Kukna named as their replacements.

While the CoE has only hosted two first-class matches, playoffs of this event, the small sample suggests that batting first will be the preferred option, where there have been plenty of runs up for grabs.

Both the Duleep Trophy quarterfinals and semifinals that the venue hosted ended in draws. It also sparked a bit of criticism from all-rounder Shardul Thakur, asking for sporting tracks.

South Zone's strength, however, will lie in their bowling and the attack will have their task cut out against a confident-looking Central Zone batting order.

Danish Malewar and Shubham Sharma have been in fine touch, while Rajat Patidar and Upendra Yadav are also enjoying good form. Yash Rathod, who failed to make a mark in the semifinal, will be itching to put on a substantive innings.

The bowling selection also looks very straightforward with the replacements. Aditya Thakare and Kuldeep Sen are most likely to come in for Yash Thakur and Khaleel and the left-arm spin option of Karthikeya might be the best choice for the outgoing Dubey. Saransh Jain, coming off a Player-of the Match performance in the semifinal, will lead the spin attack.

With both teams wearing depleted looks, they will be keen to find a way to cross the line.

KSCA XI slump as Adheer scalps eight wickets

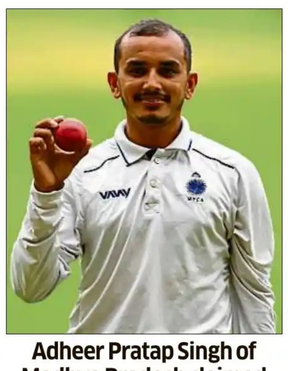
BENGALURU, DHNS: KSCA XI endured a tough second day against Madhya Pradesh after a good bowling show on the opening day of round 2 match in the Dr (Capt) K Thimmappaiah memorial tournament at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday.

The home side was bundled out for 138 in 44.3 overs after resuming at 38/2, conceding a crucial 24-run first-innings lead. Shrijith KL (34) and A Rohan Patil (28) offered brief resistance but off-break bowler Adheer Pratap Singh's incisive spell of 8/48 tore through the batting line-up, with Aryan Pandey claiming 2/21.

Madhya Pradesh then consolidated their advantage, reaching 150/4 in 46 overs by stumps to extend their overall lead to 174 runs. Yash Dubey (46), Harsh Gawli (40) and Harshit Yadav (34 n.o.) kept the scoreboard moving despite disciplined spells from Vidyadhar Patil (2/24) and Yashovardhan Parantap (2/12). KSCA XI will need early breakthroughs on Day 3 to stay in contention in what has become a bowler-dominated contest.

Elsewhere, KSCA Secretary's XI asked Assam to follow on after bundling them out for 140 after batters put a 315. Pacer Venkatesh M (5/28) and Off-break Abhishek Ahlawat (4/65) triggered Assam's batting collapse with skipper Riyan Parag scoring 39.

Brief scores: At M Chinnaswamy Stadium: MP: 162 all out & 150/4 in 46 overs (Harsh Gawli 40, Yash Dubey 46, Harshit Yadav 34 n.o., Rishabh Chouhan 26; Vidyadhar Patil 2-24, Yashovardhan Parantap 2-12) lead by 174 runs against KSCA XI: (O/n: 38/2): 138 all out in 44.3 overs (A Rohan Patil 28, Shrijith KL 34; Adheer Pratap Singh 8/48, Aryan Pandey 2-21)
At Alur 3: KSCA Secretary's XI: 315 all out in 98.5 overs (Lochan Gowda 59, Dhruv P 25, Kruthik Krishna 72, Madhav P Bajaj 63; Mukhter Hussain 4-64, Riyan Parag 4-106) lead by 121 runs against Assam: 140 all out (Denish Das 28, Akash Sengupta 42, Riyan Parag 39; Venkatesh M 5-28, Abhishek Ahlawat 4-65) & 54/2 in 33.1 overs (Abhishek Thakuri 28)
At SJCE: KSCA Colts: (O/n: 373/6): 450 all out in 106.5 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 30, Vishal Onat 26, Harshil 26, Karthikeya KP 115, Aneeshwar Gautam 47, Sanjay Ashwin 115, Mohsin Khan 56; K Sai Teja 3-104, KSN Raju 2-64, K Maheep Kumar 2-72, Ashish S 2-79) lead by 282 runs against Andhra Pradesh 168/6 in 53 overs (Gnaneswar CR 28, Ashwin Hebbar 84; Monish Reddy 2-38, Karthikeya KP 2-3)
At BGS: Vidarbha: (O/n: 320/4) 383 all out in 110.5 overs (Atharva Taide 170, Aman Mokhade 60, Shivam Deshmukh 85, Yash Kadam 33; Adithya Nair 2-65, Adhoksh Hegde 4-96, Shreesha Achar 3-96) lead by 192 runs against KSCA President's XI 191/7 in 57 overs (Karthik Su 82, Sharath Srinivas 51, Adhoksh Hegde 26 n.o.; Ganesh Bhosle 2-43, Lalit Yadav 3-37)
At RSI: Gujarat: (O/n: 241/7): 262 all out 102.5 overs ((Abhishek Desai 38, Aarya Desai 51, Manan Hingrajia 90, Urvil Patel 26; Irfan Umair 3-41, Himanshu Singh 3-72, Atharva Ankolekar 2-50) lead by 40 runs against Mumbai 222/6 in 75 overs (Akhil Herwadkar 37, Suved Parkar 26, Siddhesh Lad 30, Suryansh Shedge 34, Aakash Anand 31, Himanshu Singh 26 n.o.; Saral Prajapati 2-68, Vishal Jaiswal 3-57)
At SDNRW Ground: Himachal Pradesh: (O/n: 265/3): 447/6 in 149 overs (Ankush Bains 109, Ankit Kalsi 187, Ekant Sen 72; Bhargav Bhatt 2-105, Mahesh Pithiya 3-110) vs Baroda.
At Alur 2: Maharashtra: 136 all out & 127/2 in 43 overs (Yash Kshirsagar 65, Digvijay Patil 41 n.o.) trail by 70 runs to Goa: (O/n: 158/5): 333 all out in 90.3 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 77, Darshan Mishal 61, Mohit Redkar 58, Arjun Tendulkar 36 n.o.; Nikit Dhumal 4-43, Nadeem Shaikh 2-96, Akshay Waikar 2-95, Shamsuzana Kazi 2-71)
At Alur 1: Tripura: (O/n: 237/6) 314 all out in 113.5 overs (Hrituraj Ghosh Roy 63, Anandh Bhowmik 26, Swapnil Singh 28, Bikram Debnath 74, Subham Ghosh 43; Sahban Khan 2-67, Vasudev Bareth 2-50, Shashank Tiwari 3-69) lead by 145 runs Chhattisgarh 169/1 55 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 58, Anuj Tiwari 90 n.o.)



Adheer Pratap Singh of Madhya Pradesh claimed eight wickets against KSCA XI in a Dr (Capt) K Thimmappaiah Memorial at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. DH PHOTO

Rajajinagar Cricketers, Palar SC declared joint champions

BENGALURU, DHNS: Rain had the final say as Rajajinagar Cricketers and Palar Sports Club, Kolar were declared as joint winners in the KSCA Women's League tournament here.

LOCAL CRICKET

Batting first, Rajajinagar rode on a 58 from Niki Prasad and 43 from Roshini Kiran to post 175 all out in 40.5 overs as Vrinda Dinesh ran roughshod over them with a brilliant 6/24 effort.

Palar Sports Club then reached 74/2 in 13.1 overs when the heavens opened up. With rain not relenting, both teams were declared joint champions.

Brief scores: Rajajinagar Cricketers: 175 all out in 40.5 overs (Roshini Kiran 43, H Bhavika Reddy 27, Niki Prasad 58; Kandi Kuppa Kashvi 3-31, Vrinda Dinesh 6-24) vs Palar Sports Club, Kolar: 74/2 in 13.1 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 33, Inchara CU 29 n.o.; Chandasi K 2-12). Match was called off due to rain, both teams declared as joint winners.

India U-23 suffer heartbreak

DOHA, PTI: The India Under-23 men's football team was eliminated from the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers despite defeating Brunei Darussalam 6-0 at the Suheim Bin Hamad Stadium in their final group match.

The Blue Colts finished with six points from their three matches, Qatar finished top of the group with a perfect record (nine points from three matches). While the four best second-placed teams (from 11 groups) also qualified.

Indian male pistol shooters misfire; Divya in hunt

NINGBO (CHINA), PTI: Indian shooters continued to falter in the ISSF World Cup (rifle/pistol) here with the trio of Samrat Rana, Amit Sharma and Nishant Rawat failing to make the men's 10m air pistol final in the face of China's dominance on Wednesday.

Samrat, the 20-year-old former junior world championship gold medallist in team events, was the best Indian performer, finishing 10th in qualification with a below-par score of 582.

Hu Kai of China shot 589 to top the preliminary round. He then went on to win the gold with a score of 242.3. China's You Changjie took the silver with a score of 241.5.

China thus took their medals' tally to four, with two gold and as many silver. India, on the other hand, are yet to open their account.

Another Indian youngster Amit Sharma, who had finished 11th in the 10m air pistol mixed team pairing with Surbhi Rao on Tuesday, ended up 28th with a score of 576, while Nishant Rawat was further down at 42nd with a tally of 568.

India's Divya Subbaraju **(in pic)** did well in the precision round of 25m pistol to be placed seventh in a field of 37 shooters with a score of 291.

Divya had rounds of 97, 94 and 100 and will be in contention for a place in the final on Thursday when the rapid round is held.

Vaibhav stars for Bangalore Zone

BENGALURU, DHNS

Vaibhav C dazzled with a match haul of 11 wickets, including a seven-for in the first innings, to fashion Bangalore Zone's thumping innings and 42-run win over Raichur Zone in the KSCA under-19 inter-zonal tournament at the Kreeda Kshetra (B) ground here.

Vaibhav was in his elements in the first innings, scalping 7/40 to bowl out Raichur for a paltry 88 in 24.2 overs before picking up 4/44 in the second innings.

Brief scores: At Kreeda Kshetra (B): Raichur Zone: 88 all out in 24.2 overs (Aniketh Reddy 48 n.o.; Vaibhav C 7-40) & 158 all out in 50.5 overs (Arpith Rajeev Naganand 61, Aditya Rathod 52; Vaibhav C 4-44, Pranshu J Patel 3-20, Susheel R Udupi 2-37) lt to Bangalore Zone: 288 all out in 84.3 overs (Manish Gowda A 32, Vaasav Venkatesh 65, Sai Akhilesh B 52, Monik R 37, Susheel R Udupi 26 n.o.; Gururaj 2-50, Sanjeeth Vijay 3-45). **Bangalore Zone: 6 points; Raichur Zone: -1 pt.**
At RWF: Bangalore City XI: 241 all out in 66.3 overs (Amogh R Shetty 57, Harshit Pai 52, Pratheek 42; Preetham Raj K 6-65) & 160/5 in 38.4 overs (Pratheek 66 n.o., Sidharth Akhil 33; Pradyumna AN 2-31, Lohith S 2-35) drew with Shivamogga Zone: 148 all out in 72.1 overs (Tanmay M 70, Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 26; Khush Kothari 3-20, Sidharth Akhil 5-25). **Bangalore City XI: 3; Shivamogga Zone: 1.**
At SLS Kreedangana: Vice President's XI: 185 all out in 66 overs (GK Saivarun 31, Raag Punja 39, Bhuvan Gowda N 43; Raj Pande 2-22, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 4-33, Ayush S Acharya 2-15) & 48 for no loss in 11 overs (Dhruv Krishnan 34 n.o.) drew with Mangalore Zone: 148 all out in 63.3 overs (Rennell Pais 26, Saatwik S Moolya 35; Vaibhav Sharma 3-21, Rathan BR 3-34, Vijay Maller 2-26). **Vice President's XI: 3; Mangalore Zone: 1.**
At Green Sports Village: Secretary's XI: 216 all out in 65.5 overs (Nitish Arya 114, Akshath Prabhakar 31; Swayam Raje Urs V 3-36, Shriram M Bhat 2-45, Vallabh Hegde 3-31) & 181/6 in 43 overs (Arnav Mishra 29, Nitish Arya 83, Rehan Mohammed 34; Dhakshath P 3-17) drew with Mysore Zone: 243 all out in 68.3 overs (Praneeth Shetty 70, Varun Patel Lokesha 78, Swayam Raje Urs V 32; Avaneesh Poonacha 2-41, Akshath Prabhakar 2-36, Kuldeep Singh Purohit 3-31, Sushanth K 3-36). **Mysore Zone: 3; Secretary's XI: 1.**
At CMR University: President's XI: 116 all out in 50 overs (Shaurya NS 28; Advith A Kanoji 2-10, Sanket Shetty 6-27) & 83/6 in 46.2 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 27 n.o.; Manikanth Shivanand 2-17) drew with Dharwad Zone: 183 all out in 74.3 overs (Siddesh A Asalkar 27, Manikanth Shivanand 51, Anmol D Pagad 36, Ashutosh D Hiremath 26; Samyak Vellalore 2-33, Roshan K Naidu 2-39, Sunny Kanchi 4-26). **Dharwad Zone: 3; President's XI: 1.**
At Jagannath Cricket Academy: Combined City XI: 281 all out in 68 overs (Atharv Malviya 28, Shivu M 35, Anvay Dravid 52, Krishav Somasundar 56; Yashas GH 3-54, Nishanth D 3-55, Rohith AA 2-52) drew with Tumkur Zone: 148 all out in 41.2 overs (Naresh 26; Sujith 4-47, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 2-25, Krishav Somasundar 2-15) & 185/6 in 49.3 overs (Naresh 27, K Akhil 36, Preetham A 55, Sohan V 31; Leshan S 2-40, Sriee Praghajeeth RA 2-57). **Combined City XI: 3; Tumkur Zone: 1.**

Indian men's recurve archers falter

GWANGJU (SOUTH KOREA), PTI: Indian men's recurve archers endured a disappointing outing as all of them bowed out in the individual rounds, failing to make the medal stages at the World Championships, here on Wednesday.

Debutant Rahul was the most impressive among the trio, making the third round (last-32) before going down 5-6 (8-10) to Aleksandre Machavariani of Georgia in the shoot-off.

The 21-year-old held a commanding 5-3 lead but faltered in the last two sets, once again exposing India's mental frailties under pressure in the Olympic recurve category.

After drawing the opening set 28-all, Rahul shot a perfect 30/30 in the second and edged the third 28-27 to go 5-1 up.

Needing only a draw in the fourth, he faltered with an 8 as Machavariani fired three 10s to stay alive. The Georgian then took the fifth set 28-27 to force a shoot-off, where Rahul managed an 8 against his rival's perfect 10.

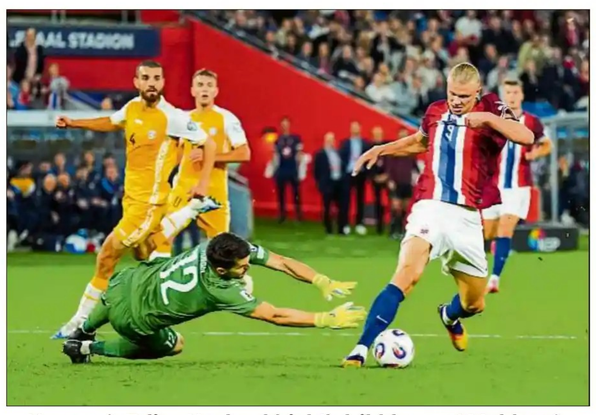
Olympian Dhiraj Bommadevara lost 2-6 to former Olympic champion Mete Gazoz in the opening round.

Three Lions let out a roar

PARIS, AFP

England sent out a warning to their World Cup rivals with a brilliant 5-0 thrashing of Serbia in qualifying on Tuesday, while Erling Haaland scored five as Norway emphatically maintained their 100-per cent record.

Elsewhere in Europe, Portugal and France overturned deficits to make it back-to-back wins.



Norway's Erling Haaland (right) dribbles past Moldova's goalkeeper Cristian Avram to score his third goal during their World Cup qualifiers in Oslo on Wednesday. REUTERS

Norway score 11

Norway produced the perfect response to second-placed Italy's dramatic 5-4 victory over Israel on Monday with a 11-1 thumping of Moldova to make it five wins from five in Group I.

Results: Europe: Group D: Azerbaijan: 1 (Makhmudov 72nd-pen) drew with Ukraine: 1 (Sudakov 51st); France: 2 (Mbappé 45th-pen, Barcola 62nd) bt Iceland: 1 (A. Gudjohnsen 21st).
Group F: Armenia: 2 (Spertsyan 45+1st-pen, Ranos 51st) bt Ireland: 1 (Ferguson 57th); Hungary: 2 (Varga 21st, 84th) lt to Portugal: 3 (Silva 36th, Ronaldo 58th-pen, Cancelo 86th).
Group H: Cyprus: 2 (Loizou 29th, Charalampous) drew with Romania: 2 (Dragus 2nd, 18th); Bosnia and Herzegovina: 1 (Dzeko 50th) lt to Austria: 2 (Sabitzer 49th, Laimer 65th).
Group I: Norway: 11 (Myrhe 6th, Haaland 11th, 36th, 43rd, 52nd, 83rd, Ødegaard 45+1st, Aasgaard 67th, 76th, 79th-pen, 90+1st) bt Moldova: 1 (Østigard 74th-og).
Group K: Serbia: 0 lt to England: 5 (Kane 33rd, Madueke 35th, Konsa 52nd, Guehi 75th, Rashford 90th-pen); Albania: 1 (Asllani 25th-pen) bt Latvia: 0.
Africa: Group A: Sierra Leone: 2 (Momoh Kamara 37th, Koroma 90+6th) bt Ethiopia: 0; Burkina Faso: 0 drew with Egypt: 0.
Group B: Democratic Republic of Congo: 2 (Bakambu 26th, Wissa 33rd) lt to Senegal: 3 (Gueye 39th, Jackson 54th, P.M. Sarr 87th); Togo: 1 (Fofana 6th) bt Sudan: 0; Mauritania: 0 drew with South Sudan: 0.
Group C: Zimbabwe: 0 lt to Rwanda: 1 (Mugisha 40th); South Africa: 1 (Troost-Ekong 25th-og) drew with Nigeria: 1 (Bassey 44th); Benin: 4 (Mounie 7th, Hountondji 24th, Imourane 34th, Olaitan 67th) bt Lesotho: 0.
Group D: Cape Verde: 1 (Livramento 54th) bt Cameroon: 0; Angola: 3 (Nzola 17th, Fredy 57th, Zini 63rd) bt Mauritius: 1 (Francois 21st).
Group E: Tanzania: 0 lt to Niger: 1 (Sosah 58th).
Group F: Kenya: 5 (Ogam 7th, 38th, Sichenje 35th, Olunga 45+5th, 67th) bt Seychelles: 0; Gabon: 0 drew with Ivory Coast: 0; Gambia: 2 (Fadera 34th-pen, Adams 76th) bt Burundi: 0.
Group H: Namibia: 3 (Shalulile 41st, 66th, 71st) bt Sao Tome e Principe: 0.

Brazil, Argentina stunned

Bolivia kept their 2026 World Cup dream alive by snatching a play-off place with a 1-0 victory over Brazil in El Alto on Tuesday, taking advantage of Venezuela's home defeat to Colombia. Elsewhere in the final round of games, Argentina lost 1-0 in Ecuador, Paraguay beat Peru 1-0 in Lima, while Chile and Uruguay played out a goalless draw.

Miguel Terceros' penalty proved to be the difference for Bolivia against the five-time world champions.

Pantazi wins main event

KOLKATA RESULTS

Aashay Doctor-trained Pantazi and ridden by Trevor Patel won the Calcutta Colts Trial Stakes, the feature event of the races on Wednesday.

1. Immaculate Handicap - 1100M: City Of Joy (Vishal Bunde) 1; I Smell The Danger (Shezad Khan) 2; Diamond Gold (Azaruddin) 3; Horus The Great (Arman Khan) 4; Wb: 5-1/2, 3-1/4, 9-3/4L. T: 1:06.54. TB: Sabeel Shariff. Fav: City Of Joy.
2. Arrezzo Handicap -1800M: Heart (Trevor Patel) 1; Cool Daddy (Mukesh Kumar) 2; The Presence (Md.Sameer) 3; Garth (G Vivek) 4; Wb: Dist, 5-1/4, 9-3/4L. T: 1:51.75. TB: Deepesh Narredu. Fav: Heart.
3. Exception Handicap - 2000M: Main Street (Trevor Patel) 1; Great Guns (G Vivek) 2; Stormy Ocean (Imran Chisty) 3; Multiverse (Vinay Jaiswal) 4; Wb: 2, Dist, 3-1/4L. T: 2:10.07. TB: Arti Doctor. Fav: Main Street.
4. Calcutta Colts Trial Stakes - 1400M: Pantazi (Trevor Patel) 1; Victoria Cross (Neeraj Rawal) 2; Cortado (G Vivek) 3; Gold Empire (Yash Narredu) 4; Wb: 3-1/3, 4, 3-1/4L. T: 1:24.25. TB: Aashay Doctor. Fav: Pantazi.
5. Stewards Cup - 1400M: Dubai Princess (Trevor Patel) 1; Vincent Van Gogh (Mukesh Kumar) 2; High Ground (Ashhad Asbar) 3; Black Eagle (Vishal Bunde) 4; Wb: 2-1/2, 3/4, 1/2L,. T: 1:24.62. TB: Patrick Quinn. Fav: Dubai Princess.
6. Super Sunrise Handicap (Div I) - 1200M: Celtic Harlequin (Imran Chisty) 1; Mathangi (Ashhad Asbar) 2; Dr Doom (Vaibhav) 3; Light The World (Trevor Patel) 4; Not Run: Seasmoke. Wb: 3/4, 1-1/4, 1-3/4L. T: 1:12.95. TB: Rutherford Alford. Fav: Dr Doom.
7. Super Sunrise Handicap (Div II) - 1200M: Cat Whiskers (Vaibhav) 1; Trillionaire (Vishal Bunde) 2; Dona Seinna (Trevor Patel) 3; Rodrigo (Shezad Khan) 4; Wb: 2-1/4, 4-1/4, 4L. T: 1:13.19. TB: Aashay Doctor. Fav: Trillionaire.
Bengaluru dividends
I race: Rs 15w; 11, 12, 24p; Fc: Rs 34; Q: Rs 23; Shp: Rs 19; Thp: Rs 47; Tri: Rs 180 & 150; Ex: Rs 438 & 130.
II race: Rs 12w; Rs 10, 13p; Fc: Rs 31; Q: Rs 21; Shp: Rs 22; Thp: Rs 23; Tri: Rs 58 & 23; Ex: Rs 54 & 30.
III race: Rs 14w; 10, 11p; Fc: Rs 21; Q: Rs 15; Shp: Rs 15; Thp: Rs 18; Tri: Rs 20 & 14.
IV race: Rs 12w; 10, 15p; Fc: Rs 33; Q: Rs 34; Shp: Rs 31; Thp: Rs 24; Tri: Rs 67 & 36.
V race: Rs 17w; 12,, 14p; Fc: Rs 53; Q: Rs 34; Shp: Rs 24; Thp: Rs 39; Tri: Rs 50 & 15; Ex: Rs 109 & 103.
VI race: Rs 37w; 13, 13, 12p; Fc: Rs 125; Q: Rs 79; Shp: Rs 35; Thp: Rs 50; Tri: Rs 370 & 113; Ex: Rs 454 & 159.
VII race: Rs 35w; 10, 11, 10p; Fc: Rs 81; Q: Rs 49; Shp: Rs 27; Thp: Rs 42; Tri: Rs 130 & 49; Ex: Rs 594 & 377.
Jackpot: Rs 398 (777). **Runner-up:** 37 (3594). **I treble:** Rs 25 (191). **II treble:** Rs 419 (29).

Magnetic fancied for feature

MYSURU SELECTIONS

Darius Byramji-trained Magnetic and ridden by P Trevor is fancied to win the Dennis & Yvonne Jarvis Memorial Cup, the feature event of the races to be run over a mile at the races on Thursday. The first race starts at 2 pm.

1. Shivakashi Plate - 1200M: Just Blues 1, Arigato 2, Fashionista 3.
2. MS Suresh Memorial Trophy (Div II) - 1400M: True Punch 1, Klimt 2, Dabeet 3.
3. Regency Gold Plate (Div II) - 1200M: Noble Cause 1, Absolute Conquerer 2, Meghann 3.
4. MS Suresh Memorial Trophy (Div I) - 1400M: Eternal Glory 1, Power Of Beauty 2, Free To Play 3.
5. Dennis & Yvonne Jarvis Memorial Cup - 1600M: Magnetic 1, Kanya Rashi 2, Forseti 3.
6. Regency Gold Plate (Div I) - 1200M: Ziva 1, Able One 2, Moana 3.
7. Talakadu Plate - 1400M: Cloudy Hills 1, One Diamond 2, Eagle Bluff 3.
Day's best: Eternal Glory. **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. **I treble:** 2, 3 & 4. **II treble:** 5, 6, 7.

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Sri K.M. Prakash S/o Late Madegowda has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose pertaining to Sy.No: 332/4 extent of 01 Acre - 31 Guntas (Including 0A-05½ Guntas 'A' Kharab) and Sy.No: 332/5 extent of 00 Acre - 37¼ Guntas (Including 0A-04½ Guntas 'A' Kharab) totally measuring 02 Acre - 28¼ Guntas of Kodiyalakarenhalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for Agriculture Zone in Approved Master Plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:
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Nupur Sheoran

Boxer Nupur confirms India's first medal

LIVERPOOL, PTI: Heavyweight boxer Nupur Sheoran assured India of its first medal at the World Boxing Championships as she defeated Oltinoy Sotimboeva of Uzbekistan to reach the semifinals of the women's +80kg category here on Wednesday.

Granddaughter of legendary boxer Hawa Singh, the 26-year-old Nupur, who entered the competition directly in the quarterfinals, overcame a scrappy contest to beat Uzbek 4-1 and secure at least a bronze medal. The +80kg, which is a non Olympic weight category, features just 10 boxers in the ongoing competition.

Nupur started brightly, landing a sharp combination early on. The Uzbek responded with a straight jab, but frequent clinching disrupted the flow. Cleaner punching helped the Indian take the opening round on four of the five cards.

Sotimboeva, 20, refused to back down in the second round, keeping the exchanges messy yet managing to sway two judges despite Nupur finishing the round with a flurry of shots.

Sotimboeva was docked a point for excessive holding in the final round while Nupur had a point deducted for using her head soon after, cancelling the advantage.

On Tuesday night, Jadumani Singh (48kg) and Abhinash Jamwal (65kg) had progressed to the men's quarterfinals with comprehensive wins, while Jugnoo Ahlawat's (85kg) campaign ended in the opening round against Scotland's Robert McNulty.

CRICKET ASIA CUP

India have a stroll in the desert

Kuldeep dishes out a dazzling display in 9-wicket win over hapless UAE

R KAUSHIK
DUBAI

India's Kuldeep Yadav (right) celebrates with Suryakumar Yadav after dismissing UAE's Rahul Chopra during their Asia Cup game in Dubai on Wednesday. PTI

Kuldeep Yadav went through the entire five-Test tour of England without getting a look-in. More than one surface, dry and inviting, called out for his services to be utilised, but the think-tank continued to bench him.

On Wednesday at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, the left-arm wrist-spinner took out his frustrations while showing the leadership group what they had missed in England, tying up UAE in knots in India's opening Group A fixture of the T20 Asia Cup. Bamboozling the crease-tied UAE batters who had no clue which way the ball was turning, he took four for seven in just 13 deliveries, the standout display in India's commanding nine-wicket triumph in a contest that lasted less than 20 overs.

Riding on Kuldeep's heroics, India bowled UAE out for a paltry 57 in 13.1 overs, a total they overhauled with unseemly haste in a furious exhibition of unfettered ball-bashing.

Suryakumar Yadav's decision to field first, he said at the toss, was influenced by the possibility of dew. Long before the dew set in, the game was over, Shubman Gill celebrating his return to the format with a flat-batted pull through mid-on that cemented India's nine-wicket victory with 15.3 overs to spare. Gill had, by then, watched from the best seat in the town as Abhishek Sharma tore into the hapless UAE bowlers, tonking two fours and three towering sixes during a whirlwind 16-ball 30 that dominated an opening salvo of 48.

Abhishek and Gill were merely the side acts; it was the bowlers, with Kuldeep at the forefront and Shivam Dube, surprisingly, only marginally behind, who compelled attention with their control and command over their craft. Admittedly, this performance was only against a team ranked 15th in the world, but given that it was India's first T20I in more than seven months, it was impressive in more ways than one.

As is his wont, Jasprit Bumrah produced a customary peach to snap a promising innings from Alishan Sharafu, the young opener who struck two fours from Hardik Pandya's first over of the match and drove Axar Patel handsomely over cover for a pleasing six. Sharafu, however, had no answer when Bumrah unleashed a wonderful yorker that snuck under his bat and plucked out off-pole.

Sharafu's 22 was the highest score of the innings and one of only two efforts that touched double figures. Muhammad Waseem, the shell-shocked captain who hit Bumrah for three fours in the last over of the Power Play, weighed in with 19, but the rest was a sorry tale. With Bumrah playing as the lone specialist quick, India were able to field both Kuldeep and Varun Chakravarthy, whose two overs added to the home team's misery.

Kuldeep's second over ensured that this match would finish in a jiffy. Three wickets in six deliveries knocked the stuffing out of UAE; Kuldeep must have been particularly delighted with the last of those sticks with a masterly wrong 'un that snaked past the left-handed Harshit Kaushik's inside edge and hit his off-stump.

Dube, only introduced in the 11th over, caught the eye with enhanced pace and excellent control on his way to career-best figures of three for four. As much as Kuldeep's iridescent bowling, the think-tank would have been delighted with Dube's showing because it gives them added leeway and an extra seam option, should they decide to stick with three specialist spinners for the matches ahead.

SCOREBOARD

UAE		INDIA	
Sharafu b Bumrah	22 (17b, 2x4, 1x6)	Abhishek c Haider b Siddique	30 (16b, 2x4, 3x6)
Waseem lbw Kuldeep	19 (22b, 3x4)	Gill (not out)	20 (9b, 2x4, 1x6)
Zohaib c Kuldeep b Chakravarthy	2 (5b)	Suryakumar (not out)	7 (2b, 1x6)
Chopra c Gill b Kuldeep	3 (7b)	Extras (W-3)	3
Asif c Samson b Dube	2 (7b)	**TOTAL (for 1 wkt, 4.3 overs)**	**60**
Kaushik b Kuldeep	2 (2b)	**Fall:** 1-48 (Abhishek)	
Parashar lbw b Dube	1 (7b)	**Bowling:** Haider 1-0-10-0, Rohid 1-0-15-0 (w-1), Parashar 1-0-13-0 (w-1), Siddique 1-0-16-1 (w-1), Simranjeet 0.3-0-6-0.	
Simranjeet lbw b Axar	1 (5b)	**Result:** India won by 9 wkts.	
Haider c Samson b Kuldeep	1 (2b)	**PoM:** Kuldeep Yadav. **India's next match:** Vs Pakistan (Sept 14, Dubai).	
Siddique c Suryakumar b Dube	0 (3b)		
Rohid (not out)	2 (2b)		
Extras (W-2)	2		
TOTAL (all out, 13.1 overs)	**57**		
Fall of wickets: 1-26 (Sharafu), 2-29 (Zohaib), 3-47 (Chopra), 4-48 (Waseem), 5-50 (Kaushik), 6-51 (Asif), 7-52 (Simranjeet), 8-54 (Parashar), 9-55 (Siddique).			
Bowling: Pandya 1-0-10-0, Bumrah 3-0-19-1 (w-1), Axar 3-0-13-1, Chakravarthy 2-0-4-1, Kuldeep 2.1-0-7-4, Dube 2-0-4-3 (w-1).			

Bangladesh eye strong start

ABU DHABI, PTI

Litton Das

Bangladesh will begin their Asia Cup campaign against Hong Kong at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium here on Thursday, a seemingly straightforward opener against a side that is still reeling from a heavy defeat to Afghanistan.

Hong Kong were thrashed by 94 runs in the Asia Cup opener on Tuesday, reduced to 94 for nine in reply to Afghanistan's 188 for six.

With only two batters reaching double figures, their fragile lineup will be under pressure once again, while their bowlers must quickly regroup after being taken apart at the death.

Chasing the elusive title, Bangladesh, on the other hand, will see this as an opportunity to start on a strong note and settle into the tournament before the tougher assignments against Sri Lanka (September 13) and Afghanistan (September 16) in the group stage.

For the Tigers, the Asia Cup has historically been a story of promise without silverware. Bangladesh have made three appearances in the final (2012, 2016 and 2018), but each time fell short against established heavyweights India and Sri Lanka.

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Litton Das will lead the side, his fifth outing in the competition but first as full-time captain in a major continental event. His presence as both wicketkeeper and batter provides stability, while the squad itself is a blend of experience and youthful energy.

RECORDS TUMBLE

Lowest totals v India in T20Is

Total	By	Venue	Year
57	UAE	Dubai	2025
66	NZ	Ahmedabad	2023
70	Ire	Dublin	2018

Lowest totals in Asia Cup T20Is

Total	By	Vs	Venue	Year
38	HK	Pak	Sharjah	2022
57	UAE	Ind	Dubai	2025
81/9	UAE	Ind	Mirpur	2016

UAE's lowest totals in T20Is

Total	Vs	Venue	Year
57	Ind	Dubai	2025
62	Sco	Dubai	2024
73	Ned	Dubai (ICCA)	2016
73	SL	Geelong	2022

Compiled by **Arun Gopalakrishnan**

India women too good for Koreans

HANGZHOU (CHINA), PTI

India continued their unbeaten run with a comfortable 4-2 win over Korea in their first Super 4 stage match of the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

India, who finished the pool stages at the top with seven points, scored through Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (2nd minute), Sangita Kumari (33rd), Lalremsiami (40th) and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (59th). Yujin Kim (33rd, 53rd) scored both the goals for Korea. India will next play China on Thursday.

Guarding the goal in Savita Punia's absence, Bichu Devi Kharibam has been the obvious No. 1 choice between the posts for India.

Bansuri Solanki got to rotate against Thailand and Singapore, but Bichu played all four quarters against Japan and that might be the case going forward in these big matches.

India earned an early penalty corner and struck the first blood through Vaishnavi, who scored from a rebound after Udita's initial slap shot was blocked by the Korean goalkeeper.

India secured another penalty corner minutes later after an unsuccessful review from Korea, but wasted the opportunity. Korea had to deal with series of penalty corners thereafter, but failed to cash in on the opportunities.

Korea earned another penalty corner late in the first quarter as the injection and follow-up shot look dangerous, but India's goalkeeper Bichu made a brilliant save to hand side the advantage going into half-time.

In the 22nd minute, Mumtaz's reverse hit was valiantly saved by the Korean goalkeeper after being set up Neha and Navneet. Three minutes after the change of ends, India doubled their lead through Sangita's field goal.

India's Salima Tete (right) dribbles past a Korean player during their 4-2 win on Wednesday. HOCKEY INDIA

Brevis, Markram break SA auction records

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: South African batters Dewald Brevis and Aiden Markram fetched record sums at the SA20 Season 4 player auction, becoming the most expensive buys in the league's history.

Brevis was bought by Sourav Ganguly-coached Pretoria Capitals for R16.5 million (approx Rs 8.3 crore), surpassing the previous record of R9.2 million (approx Rs 4.6 crore) paid for Tristan Stubbs in 2022.

Brevis

The Centurion-based franchise, with new head coach Ganguly at the helm, beat stiff competition from Joburg Super Kings to secure the 22-year-old.

"I hope he does well. I think he is a tremendous talent. His game has really progressed over the last one-and-a-half years, as we saw against Australia," Ganguly stated in a release after the auction on Tuesday.

Markram, South Africa's T20I captain, went to Durban's Super Giants for R14 million (approx Rs 7 crore) after Sunrisers Eastern Cape tried to retain him with a Right to Match card at R12.4 million.

"I'm always reluctant to talk about the numbers, but it is exciting to see the investment back into South African cricket," SA20 League Commissioner Graeme Smith said after the auction.

Prannoy, Sen advance

HONG KONG, PTI: India's two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu bowed out, while HS Prannoy **(in pic)** and Lakshya Sen scored hard-fought wins to advance in the Hong Kong Open Super 500 tournament, here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, who had reached the BWF World Championships quarterfinals last month, lost the women's singles round-of-32 contest 21-15, 16-21, 19-21 to unseeded Danish shuttler Line Christophersen.

However, Prannoy, ranked 34th in the world, upset 14th ranked Lu Guang Zu of China 21-17, 21-14 in 44 minutes, while battling Sen too got his campaign going with a gruelling 22-20, 16-21, 21-15 win to secure a place in the men's singles pre-quarterfinals.

Kiran George also secured a place in the men's singles last-16 getting the better of Singapore's higher-ranked Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-16, 21-11 in 34 minutes.

For Sindhu, this was her first loss to the 25-year-old Christophersen in six outings.

Devine to lead the Kiwis

AUCKLAND/COLOMBO, PTI: Veteran all-rounder Sophie Devine, featuring in her fifth campaign, will lead New Zealand in the Women's ODI World Cup later this month, with four cricketers set for their maiden senior ICC tournament.

Chamari Athapaththu will lead Sri Lanka in the Women's ODI World Cup later this month with the hope that the co-hosts would break the jinx of never having made the final of the prestigious event in the previous 12 editions.

Squads: New Zealand: Sophie Devine (capt), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Flora Devonshire, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Bree Illing, Polly Inglis, Bella James, Melie Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Georgia Plimmer, Lea Tahuhu. **Sri Lanka:** Chamari Athapaththu (capt), Hasini Perera, Vishmi Gunarathne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Kavisha Dilhari, Nilakshi De Silva, Anushka Sanjeewani (vc & wk), Imesha Dulani, Dewmi Vihanga, Piumi Wathsala, Inoka Ranaweera, Sugandika Kumari, Udeshika Prabodani, Malki Madara, Achini Kulasooriya.

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